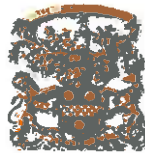




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## **Mayors of Chatham Borough and Chatham Township Announce Scholarship Opportunity**

Chatham Borough Mayor Bruce A. Harris and Chatham Township Mayor Curt Ritter today announced that have teamed up with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities to participate in a statewide scholarship competition for New Jersey high school juniors and seniors who plan to continue their education after high school. The competition will be for three, \$1,000 scholarships offered through the Louis Bay 2<sup>nd</sup> Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition. This statewide scholarship competition centers on the theme "What My Municipal Government Does Best" and seeks to advance the virtues of elected and volunteer members of municipal government. One semi-finalist will be selected from each municipality and their applications and essays will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

The elected officials and appointed board members who serve Chatham Borough and Chatham Township are committed to public service. These officials, along with a cadre of dedicated professionals, are guardians of our communities' comforts and securities. They give of their time and talents to help plan our communities and preserve our way of life. They serve their community year-round. This scholarship competition will recognize their contributions and encourage future municipal leaders.

Applicants must complete a brief application and a 500 word essay on the topic of "What My Municipal Government Does Best" by Thursday, March 10, 2016. Borough residents should submit their applications and essays to Mayor Bruce A. Harris at Chatham Borough Hall, 54 Fairmount Avenue or via e-mail to [mayor@chathamborough.org](mailto:mayor@chathamborough.org), and Township residents should submit theirs to Mayor Curt Ritter at the Chatham Township Municipal Building, 58 Meyersville Rd., or via e-mail to [mayor@chathamtownship-nj.gov](mailto:mayor@chathamtownship-nj.gov).

Full details on the application process and competition are posted on the municipalities' websites – [www.chathamborough.org](http://www.chathamborough.org) and [www.chathamtownship-nj.gov](http://www.chathamtownship-nj.gov).

We hope to see many of our young adults representing the Chathams in the Louis Bay 2<sup>nd</sup> Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition.

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[Information on the New Jersey State League of Municipalities is attached to this press release.]

## WHAT IS THE LEAGUE?

The New Jersey State League of Municipalities is a voluntary association created to help communities do a better job of self-government through pooling information resources and brainpower. The League is authorized by state Statute and since 1915, has been serving local officials throughout the Garden State. All of New Jersey's 565 municipalities are members of the League. The 565 mayors and 13,000 elected and appointed officials of member municipalities are entitled to all of the services and privileges of the League.

The League publishes a magazine titled *NEW JERSEY MUNICIPALITIES* which reports up-to-the-minute information on municipal administration and procedures by practical examples, news notes and new laws. It is one of the reading "musts" for municipal officials and is sent to more than 8,500 readers each month.

In addition to the magazine, other League services include: Bureau of Municipal Information; Ordinances and Codes; Research, Legislative Analysis; Legislative Bulletins; New Laws; Contracts, In-Service Training; Personal Consultation; Instructional Seminars and Research Publications. Nearly all League services are available through the League website [www.njslom.org](http://www.njslom.org).

The highlight of the year's activities is the Annual League Conference, held each November in Atlantic City at the Atlantic City Convention Center. The Conference is an invaluable learning experience which yields benefits throughout the year. Delegates have the opportunity to learn and ask questions at more than 100 panels, clinics, workshops, and other sessions conducted by the League and the 21 associations of technical and professional employees allied with it. Commercial, government and association exhibits display the latest products and services for municipal government. At the 2015 Annual League Conference, more than 16,000 delegates, participants and guests attended, representing the largest municipal gathering in the country.

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### THESE ORGANIZATIONS FORM AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE LEAGUE

Association of Municipal Assessors of New Jersey  
New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys  
New Jersey Building Officials Association  
Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey, Inc.  
Municipal Court Administrators Association of New Jersey  
Municipal Electrical Inspectors Association of New Jersey, Inc.  
New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers, Inc.  
Government Finance Officers Association of New Jersey  
New Jersey State Fire Prevention and Protection Association  
NJACCHO – Health Officers  
Jersey Access Group  
New Jersey Municipal Management Association  
New Jersey Planning Officials, Inc.  
New Jersey State Plumbing Inspectors Association, Inc.  
New Jersey State Municipal Prosecutors Association  
American Public Works Association – New Jersey Chapter  
Governmental Purchasing Association of New Jersey  
Community Recreation Society of New Jersey  
Registrars Association of New Jersey  
Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association of New Jersey  
Municipal Welfare Association of New Jersey

**THE LOUIS BAY 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**FUTURE MUNICIPAL LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION**  
**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS**  
**(Please keep these instructions with the application)**

Open to all high school juniors and seniors who are residents of New Jersey and plan to continue their education after high school.

1. Complete the application and essay.
2. Return them to your Hometown Mayor's office (or the location designated by your Mayor). REGIONAL OR PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: PLEASE NOTE THAT THE APPLICATION AND ESSAY MUST BE RETURNED TO YOUR HOMETOWN MAYOR, NOT THE MAYOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY WHERE YOUR HIGH SCHOOL IS LOCATED (UNLESS THAT IS YOUR HOMETOWN).
3. The Mayor or a designated committee will select one semi-finalist from your municipality.
4. All entrants will receive a certificate of participation from the Mayor's office.
5. The winner from each municipality will be designated as a state semi-finalist. They will have their essay and application reviewed by the Scholarship Committee of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.
6. All state semi-finalists will receive a certificate attesting to their status as state semi-finalists.
7. The Scholarship Committee will select 15 finalists and 3 winners.
8. The 15 finalists will each be awarded finalist certificates. The three winners will each be awarded \$1,000.00 by their Mayor at a hometown ceremony.
9. Winners' essays will be featured in the New Jersey Municipalities magazine.

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**THE LOUIS BAY 2<sup>nd</sup>  
FUTURE MUNICIPAL LEADERS  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

MUNICIPALITY IN WHICH YOU RESIDE \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGES OR SCHOOLS TO WHICH YOU MAY APPLY \_\_\_\_\_

AREA OF MUNICIPAL GOVT/ADMINISTRATION THAT INTERESTS YOU \_\_\_\_\_

Write an essay on the theme "What My Municipal Government Does Best". Your essay should be based on your perceptions and experiences with your municipality's local government. The essay should consider the public contributions of your municipal government.

Length:                      Approximately 500 words

Deadline:                      Essays must be submitted to your hometown mayor by March 10, 2016.

Judging Criteria:            -- Judging is based solely on the essay. Please do not include any other information such as transcripts and references.  
   -- Appropriateness of theme  
   -- Effective articulation of theme  
   -- Originality  
   -- Technical composition, spelling, and syntax.

Return completed application and essay to your hometown mayor's office.

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