

Mayor for a Day Contest!

The Leesville Mayor would like to invite you to enter the Mayor for a Day Contest. Share your creative ideas about what you would do as mayor.



Send Submissions to:
mayorforaday@leesvillela.gov
or mail them to City Hall at
101 W, Lee Street
Leesville, LA 71446

“If I Were Mayor...”

Deadline: December 28th, 2015

Prizes

- \$50 gift card
- Ride in a fire truck in a parade
- “Mayor for a Day” t-shirt
- Certificate/plaque
- Tour of city facilities
- Shadow the Mayor for a day
- High School finalists will get to present their ideas in front of the City Council in a regularly scheduled meeting

General Rules:

- All submissions must be accompanied by a completed entry form. All forms must be signed by the student’s parent or guardian. Entry forms may be photocopied
- Submissions become the property of the City of Leesville Mayor’s Office
- The City of Leesville Mayor’s Office retains the right to publish entries along with the names and likeness of each student.

Poster Contest Grades 3-5

- Must use any of these mediums: paint, felt pens, colored pencils, pastels, crayons, etc.
- Student’s name and daytime phone number or email address of parent or guardian must appear on the back of the poster
- Posters can be in color or black and white

Essay Contest Grades 6-8

- 500-1,000 words typed
- The student’s name and daytime phone number or email address of parent or guardian must appear at the top of the essay
- Must begin with the statement, “If I were Mayor...”
- Judged for grammar, spelling, punctuation, purpose, and originality

Video/PowerPoint Contest Grades 9-12

- Must be at least one-three minutes in length and may be emailed or submitted on a disk
- The student’s name and daytime phone number or email address of parent or guardian must appear in the email or written on the disk.
- Must display the student’s original ideas on what they believe they could/would change if they were mayor.

MAYOR

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Mayor for a Day Contest Rules

Grades 3-5 Poster Contest

1. Poster size must be a minimum of 17" and a maximum of 28" in height or width.
2. Students are encouraged to be creative and may use any art medium (i.e. poster paints, felt pens, colored pencils, [pastels, crayons, three-dimensional art, etc.]
3. Posters can be in color or black and white
4. Student's name and daytime phone number or email address of parent/guardian must appear on the back of the poster
5. Entry Form must be attached to the poster in some way
6. Poster must be the original idea/work of the student
7. Must fulfill the purpose statement "If I were Mayor I..."
8. Will be judged for creativity, clarity/sincerity of thought, proper use of grammar, subject relevancy

Grades 6-8 Essay Contest

1. 500-1,000 words typed
2. Student's name and daytime phone number or email address of parent/guardian must appear on the back of the poster
3. Entry Form must be attached to the essay
4. Essay must be the original idea/work of the student
5. Must begin with the statement "If I were Mayor I..."
6. Will be judged for creativity, clarity/sincerity of thought, proper use of grammar, subject relevancy
7. The winning essay will have displayed proper punctuation, spelling, and grammar

Grades 9-12 Video/PowerPoint Contest

1. Must be at least 1-3 minutes in length and may be emailed or submitted on a disk
2. The student's name and daytime phone number or email address of parent/guardian must appear in the email or written on the disk
3. Must display the student's original ideas on what they believe they could/would change if they were mayor
4. Must begin with the statement "If I were Mayor I..."
5. Must be the original idea/work of the student
6. Will be judged for creativity, clarity/sincerity of thought, proper use of grammar, subject relevancy
7. Entry form must be accompanied with the email/disk

**Children of City of Leesville employees are ineligible to compete.

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What Does a Mayor Do?

The Leesville mayor is elected by the voters in the city to serve as the chair of the city's governing body – the city council. They are the recognized civic leader in the eyes of the community and the person who represents their city to other governments and individuals. The mayor presides over council meetings and participates in discussions. In many cases he or she votes on issues only in cases of a tie. Depending on the City's charter (the equivalent of a constitution), the mayor may also appoint committees to study public policy (in areas such as parks, transportation, community planning, libraries, traffic safety, etc.) with council approval, veto ordinances (city laws passed by the council, and sign ordinances and other records approved by the council.

Judging Criteria

Judging of the local contest will be conducted by your city officials or other persons appointed by the mayor. In selecting the winners, the judges will consider:

- ✓ **Creativity** – Does the student demonstrate curiosity and originality?
- ✓ **Clarity/Sincerity of Thought** – Is the submission well thought out and organized?
- ✓ **Proper use of Grammar** – Does the submission contain proper spelling, grammar and punctuation?
- ✓ **Subject Relevancy** – Are the major points relevant to the role of a government leader? Does the student demonstrate an understanding of municipal government and the job of mayor?

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Student name: _____ Grade: _____

Home address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

School: _____ Sponsoring teacher: _____

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Email address: _____ Daytime phone: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Verification Statement: *I hereby verify that the student whose name appears on this entry form produced the work submitted.*

Signature of teacher or parent/guardian: _____

Print name: _____ Relationship: _____

Submission must be accompanied by a completed entry form and received no later than: _____

Questions or for more information call: (337) 238-2283
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MAYOR FOR A DAY CONTEST RELEASE FORM

Please complete and sign this form. You must provide a signed Contest Release Form to the City of Leesville upon request. Please print clearly in ink:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____

By submitting my entry to the Mayor for a Day Contest in accordance with the official rules, I hereby grant the City of Leesville and its designees the perpetual, worldwide right to edit, adapt, modify, reproduce, promote, publish, and otherwise use my Entry and/or its contents in any way and in any media for trade, advertising, promotional, and/or any other purposes, as the City of Leesville and/or its designees may determine or see fit, without having to seek permission from, and without consideration or notification to any participant or any third party. I also agree that the entry may, in the City of Leesville's sole discretion, be posted online at the City's website and/or any other website as determined by the City of Leesville, for visitors to the website(s) to view.

Further, I represent and warrant that I own all right, title and interest and have obtained all appropriate permissions and releases to grant the City of Leesville ownership of all entries and the content thereof, which shall include but not be limited, all right, title and interest to any patent, trademark, trade secret, copyright or other proprietary rights, including but not limited to, privacy and publicity rights, in and to, all entries and to enable the City of Leesville to use all entries as described in the official rules herein. I further represent and warrant that I have obtained a Participant Release Form from any identifiable person who appears in, is heard in, has allowed the use of his/her name, likeness, or voice in the entry, or that has otherwise contributed to the entry. If Participant is a minor, I have received the written consent of Participant's legal guardian.

I hereby agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City of Leesville and its affiliates, licensees, successors and assigns from and against any and all liability, losses, costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred as a result of any entry submitted to the City of Leesville in violation of any terms contained in the official rules, including, but not limited to, any failure on my part to obtain the releases required in the official rules.

Signature of contestant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____