



Florida League of Cities Youth Council Community Service Project Contest



OVERVIEW

The community service (volunteer project) contest showcases current or new youth council projects that address a local need.

There are many options for your project, such as volunteering with a local nonprofit organization, organizing or participating in the beautification event, working with residents who are in need, or building a community garden or little free library in an area with no access to those amenities.

To apply for the contest, in **500 words or less**, fully describe your youth council's community service project, detailing:

- ▶ What the project entailed.
- ▶ Why it was needed in your community.
- ▶ Why your youth council selected the project.
- ▶ How the project helped the residents you served and impacted the community in general.
- ▶ Your objectives and if they were met. Describe how.
- ▶ How the project impacted you and your youth council.

Feel free to provide up to five pages of supportive materials (such as photos depicting scenes from the project, newspaper articles, and letters of recommendation).



APPLICATION RULES

- ▶ The Florida League of Cities community service project contest is open only to youth councils sponsored by a city, town or village government that is a member of the Florida League of Cities.
- ▶ A letter of recommendation on behalf of the mayor, council/commission or city manager must be submitted as part of your application.
- ▶ The deadline for entries is **Monday, April 2, 2018**. **(Note: You will receive an email of receipt following the submission of your nomination.** If you do not receive an email, please contact Eryn Russell at (850) 701-3616 or erussell@flcities.com.
- ▶ Judging will be based entirely on the youth council's submitted entry. All materials must be received by the League no later than **Monday, April 2, 2018**. The judges' decision is final and all material received becomes the property of the Florida League of Cities, with permission to use it perpetually and universally, in any manner deemed appropriate by the League, with no additional compensation beyond the award money presented to the winner.

SUBMISSION

- ▶ All work must be submitted through an online form available at www.flcities.com/resources/youth-councils. This form will allow you to upload all documentation. Please fill out all informational fields.
- ▶ Submissions that are emailed or mailed will not be judged. Each council must use the online portal.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

Winners will be announced in April 2018. There will be five awards presented (first through fifth place).

Winners will:

- ▶ Be showcased on the League's website and social media platforms.
- ▶ Be recognized in press announcements and the League's *Quality Cities* magazine.
- ▶ Be recognized at the League's annual conference in August during the Youth Council Educational Summit.
- ▶ Receive a monetary award and trophy/plaque:

First Place: \$500

Second Place: \$350

Third Place: \$250

Fourth Place: \$150

Fifth Place: \$100

The League reserves the right not to award all prizes in any of the categories.

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