

# If I were MAYOR I would... Enter MML's 2010! Mayor's Contest!



Being mayor is a big job and city and town governments often rely on community volunteers to help provide services and improve the lives of their citizens.

Becoming a community volunteer is a great way for citizens to learn about their local government, practice teamwork, and discover that they have talents and abilities that can be used to help make their city or town a better place to live, work, and play.

Contest Theme: Using Community Volunteers

### Look around your community. If you were mayor:

1. How would you get citizens to volunteer?
2. What jobs would you give them and why?
3. In what way would you thank your volunteers that would also encourage them to volunteer again in the future?

## Contest Rules

The contest is open to all Maryland students enrolled in the 4th grade during the 2009-2010 school year.

Essays must address the subject with the opening line beginning: "If I Were Mayor, I Would..."

Essays may not exceed 275 words.

Only one essay may be submitted per student.

Essays will be judged by contest sponsors in the following areas: essay relation to contest topic; displayed knowledge about municipal government and the role of a mayor; creativity; and proper use of grammar.

Students must include their first and last names, school and teacher's name at the top of their essays. Essays must be received no later than April 1, 2010. Winners will be notified by the end of April 2010.

Sometime during the month of May, the 11 regional winners along with their parents and teachers will be recognized during a Mayors' Essay Contest Awards Ceremony in Annapolis. In honor of the 10th Anniversary of the Contest, one grand prize winner will be selected from among the 11 regional winners and will receive special recognition at the Annapolis Awards Ceremony and during MML's annual educational convention in Ocean City, Maryland!

## Official Entry Form

School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Name #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_