



Youth Council Contests

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Each year, the Florida League of Cities (FLC) hosts two competitions for municipal youth councils whose municipalities are members of the FLC.

The Community Service Contest asks youth councils to submit a youth council project that addresses a local need with local action.

The Video Competition provides a way for Florida's youth councils to showcase their ideas, creativity and commitment to their communities.

Below are tips for success in both competitions.

SUBMISSION

- ▶ Submit the documents in the same format (i.e., Word document, PDF).
- ▶ If the competition requires photos, share photos of youth council members completing the project (not just photos of the project itself).

NARRATIVE

- ▶ Check the spelling, grammar and punctuation of your narrative.

Tip: [grammarly.com](https://www.grammarly.com) offers a free service for checking spelling, grammar and punctuation.

- ▶ Ensure your narrative answers all the criteria questions listed.
- ▶ Pay attention to the word count.
- ▶ Make sure at least one other person reviews your narrative before submitting it. It's hard to catch your own mistakes.

VIDEO

- ▶ Pay close attention to the volume of the orators and music, and ensure volume is constant throughout.

Tip: When shooting outside, ensure background noise (wind, cars, etc.) is minimal.

- ▶ Try not to make the entire video a voiceover.
- ▶ Show as many youth council members as possible.
- ▶ Carefully read the topic to ensure your subject matter reflects the topic.
- ▶ Pay close attention to the instructions regarding music.