



Deadline
March 13, 2019



FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES Youth Council Community Service Contest



Local issues deserve local solutions.
Why? Because **WE LIVE LOCAL!**

Our future leaders are taking action in their hometowns to address local needs. Community service instills a sense of pride and ownership in Florida's youngest residents. When youth are empowered to take local action, they build leadership skills that will carry them far into the future.

The League wants to help showcase these efforts through its annual community service contest.

OVERVIEW

Youth councils are invited to submit current or new youth council projects that address a local need with local action. Maybe it's organizing a neighborhood clean-up, hosting an educational event about Home Rule, organizing a food drive to benefit the elderly, establishing a community garden or building a little free library.

This year's contest asks Youth Councils to create a 2-5 minute video showcasing **youth in action** addressing a local need.

The deadline to enter is March 13, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.

Winners will be announced in May 2019.



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APPLICATION RULES

The application packet must include:

- (1) A YouTube link to your Youth Council Video
- (2) A written description, in **500 words or less**, that includes:
 - ▶▶ Why the project was needed in your community
 - ▶▶ How the project helped the residents you served
 - ▶▶ What the project entailed and impacted the community in general
 - ▶▶ How the project impacted you and your youth council
- (3) Letter of recommendation from the mayor, city manager or a member of council/commission

Your nomination will NOT be scored if missing any of the above.

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.

The deadline for entries is **Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.**

If music is included in the video, please cite the source at the bottom of the action plan. If your council uses copyrighted music, please include written permission from the artist.

Judging will be based entirely on the youth council's submitted entry. 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.

To view tips for success from previous judges, visit flcities.com/resources/municipal-youth-councils.

SUBMISSION

All work must be submitted through an online form available at 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

Winners will be announced in May 2019. Five projects will be selected as winners. 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 of \$250 and trophy/plaque.

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

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