

**MAYOR FOR A DAY ESSAY CONTEST**  
**RULES & REGULATIONS FORM**

The rules and requirements for this contest are outlined below. Please review this content thoroughly and then sign and date where indicated at the bottom of this form

**2023 ENTRY DATES, DEADLINES & WINNER NOTIFICATION:**

October 2nd- 30th, 2023

Announcement Week of Week of Nov. 27

**ELIGIBILITY & RESTRICTIONS:** Contestants must be between the ages of 11 and 18 by the contest deadline). Only one entry per contestant will be accepted. Contestants must be residents of Orleans Parish. Children of employees and former employees of the City of New Orleans are not eligible to participate. A winner from 3 age groups will be selected and given the opportunity to be sworn in and shadow the Mayor for a day

**REQUIREMENTS:** All contestants must submit a completed and signed version of each document below. Please place a check next to each item below to be certain you haven't missed anything!

- Youth Essay Contest Entry Form
- Essay per the instructions below
- Parental Consent & Release Form
- Rules & Regulations Form

**PUBLICATION:** All essay submissions become the property of the City of New Orleans. Announcements of Winners' names and essay content may appear in print and/or electronic media at the sole discretion of the City of New Orleans.

**JUDGING:** The judging panel is composed of five individuals selected by the Office of Youth & Families. The panel will review essays and select Winners based on the following elements:

- Content & Relevance to Essay subject
- Creativity
- Grammar, spelling, and punctuation

## ***Mayor for a Day - Entry Form***

### ***Instructions, Deadlines, & Winner Notification***

The “Mayor for a Day” program aims to foster and encourage leadership in all youth living in New Orleans.

This contest opens on October 2nd, 2023 and closes at midnight on October 30th, 2023. Entries must be received by 11:59PM on October 30th, 2023, no exceptions. The winner(s) will be announced the week of November 27th, 2023 and will be notified by email and by phone.

All applications and essays must be submitted via email to [youthandfamilies@nola.gov](mailto:youthandfamilies@nola.gov) and [michael.mosko@nola.gov](mailto:michael.mosko@nola.gov).

### ***Student Information***

Full Name:

Preferred Pronoun:

Date of Birth:

Phone Number (if applicable):

Email (if applicable):

School:

Grade in School:

### ***Parent/Guardian (I) Information (must submit information for at least one parent/guardian):***

Full Name:

Home Address:

Zip Code:

Phone Number:

Email:



Are you 18 years or older?  Y  N

Are you the parent and/or legal guardian of the applicant?  Y  N

### ***Parent/Guardian (II) Information:***

Full Name:

Home Address:

Zip Code:

Phone Number:

Email:

Are you 18 years or older?  Y  N

Are you the parent and/or legal guardian of the applicant?  Y  N

### ***Essay Instructions and Subject:***

**ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS:** Please submit a typed essay or handwritten essay on 8.5 x 11 notebook paper, single-spaced. The essay requirements for the age groups are:

Grades 6 through 8 – 300 words maximum

Grades 9 through 12 – 400 words maximum

#### **ESSAY SUBJECT:**

Imagine you were selected to be Mayor for the day. Think about what you know about the role of Mayor. What would you do to make New Orleans better, and how would you do it? Be specific. Lastly, tell us why you should be selected as the winner of this contest.



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**CONSENT FORM**

A parent or guardian and the child must review the Rules & Regulations document and sign where indicated below.

*I confirm that I have read and thoroughly understand the Rules and Regulations of this contest. I verify that the youth participant meets the eligibility requirements outlined above.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Child Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_ Child

Name (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian

Name (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:(Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_