

August 24, 2016

Dear Principal,

The Utah League of Cities and Towns wants to encourage the youth of our state to become more aware of their communities. For this reason, the League will sponsor the twenty-first annual “Why I Like My Community” essay contest. The contest is open to students in fourth and seventh grades. Some teachers have commented that the contest enhances the social studies curriculum for these two grades by giving students an opportunity and some encouragement to look at their communities in new ways. Others have used the contest as a concrete way to use the writing process. For whatever reason, we want to hear what your kids think of their communities.

Cash prizes will be awarded to students and their schools. First place winners will receive \$100 and the school will receive \$1000; second place, \$75 and \$750; and third place, \$50 and \$500. In addition, the first place winners in each grade will be invited to read their essays at the 2017 fall conference of the Utah League of Cities and Towns.

Official guidelines, deadline information, lesson plan, and an entry form are enclosed. Please duplicate and see that these materials get to the appropriate teachers.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Godfrey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'T' and 'G'.

Tom Godfrey
Essay Contest Coordinator