

Essay Contest

The Metro Atlanta Youth Football League (MAYFL) and its League Members are proud to announce their first **Making Atlanta Youth Future Leaders** Essay Contest!

The MAYFL Essay Contest is designed to challenge cheer and football participants to become creative thinkers and to express their ideas and thoughts through the art of writing. A topic will be assigned for the contest and only one winner, at each League Member level will be chosen out essays submitted. The winner at the League Member Level will then become eligible to win another award presented by MAYFL.

The topic of this year's essay contest is: **"How I Spent My Summer Vacation"**.

Entrants have the opportunity to:

- Win a **\$50.00** gift card from the League Member, one for a cheer participant and one for a football participant.
- Win a **\$100.00** gift card from MAYFL, one for a cheer participant and one for a football participant.
- Have your essay published on MAYFL website

Your essay should be written in English and should not be less than five paragraphs. All entrants must submit **by email only** their essays to their respective League Member by Friday, August 22, 2014 at 6:00pm, and the winners' (finalists') from each League Member must submit the winning essays to MAYFL by Friday, September 12, 2014 at 6:00pm. **NO LATE SUBMISSIONS** will be accepted.
Young Patriots Submission Guidelines

Some Questions That May Be Asked:

Q. How should I format my entry?

A. Essays should be written in English, with submissions of no less than 5 paragraphs. Essays with fewer than 5 paragraphs will not be accepted. Each paragraph must contain at least four sentences. All entries must be submitted as a Microsoft Word document.

Also be sure to include all essential information, including your name, address, phone number(s) and e-mail address in the body of the e-mail.

Q. How do I submit my entry?

E-mail your submission to your respective League Member Academic Commissioner at the League Member Level.

The finalist entry to be submitted to MAYFL should be emailed to Ross Mosley at mayfl_academics@yahoo.com

Each e-mail submission will receive a return message verifying that the essay was received.

Q. What happens if my essay is below the minimum number of paragraphs and sentences?

A. Your essay will not be considered..

Q. Can I choose to remain anonymous?

A. No. We must be able to publish both your essay and name.

Q. Do I need to attach a cover letter?

A. No.

Q. Is there anything else you can tell me about how to stand out from the crowd?

A. Yes. Here are a few suggestions for participants:

- Stick to the subject and topic. Submitting your essay in the proper format is essential, but the substance of your essay is the most important part. If you write a fantastic essay that doesn't address the central question you won't win.
- Submit a professional document. Double check grammar and spelling and try to make rambling sentences more concise.
- Follow and demonstrate a clear vision. This contest leaves lots of room to address the subject in a variety of ways. Participants should attempt to be creative, clear and convincing in their approach to the topic.

Q. Is there just one prize?

A. No. \$50.00 gift card for each cheer and football finalist at the League Member level whose essay is then submitted to MAYFL for a chance at winning another \$100.00 gift card for each cheer and football overall finalist.