



## Essay Contest Application

Sponsored by: West Point Youth Council

**Topic:** Why I Love My City

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

- If you are a youth council member or a leader please check this box

### Age Division

Elementary

Jr. High

High School / Adult

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

All essays and application must be returned to

**West Point City Hall by 5:30pm on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Winners will be notified by phone and announced at the City Council Meeting held on

**Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

Please only put your name on the application and not the essay

**Purpose:** This contest is sponsored by the West Point City Youth Council to encourage all West Point City residents to recognize how fortunate we are to live in our town and to express their appreciation and pride in West Point City!

**Essay Contest Guidelines:**

1. We encourage you to write an essay about our community as a whole, or even about your specific neighborhood. Describe what living here means to you and what makes it so great! Possible topics that could be discussed are the following:
  - a. Geography
  - b. Annual events
  - c. Community activities
  - d. Neighborhoods representation
  - e. Family history
  - f. People
  - g. Recreation experiences
  - h. Parks
2. The essays will be judged on the following criteria:
  - a. Content related to the community and the writers' views.
  - b. Essay has a logical development and ideas clearly built on each other.
  - c. Usage of punctuation, capitalization, sentence structure, grammar, etc.
  - d. Descriptive quality
  - e. Writer voice (Does it sound age appropriate- if child is the writer, does it sound like a child wrote it and not a parent?)
3. Each essay must be legible and have an entry form attached
4. Essays are due at City Hall by **5:30 pm Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**
5. Winners will be notified by phone and announced at the City Council Meeting held on **March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**
6. **Prizes:** 3<sup>rd</sup> places: \$20 Gift Card; 2<sup>nd</sup> places: \$30 Gift Card; 1<sup>st</sup> places: \$50 Gift Card

