

# #LoCoolGov

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Your Call.**



## Statewide Middle and High School Contest

CCM (Connecticut Conference of Municipalities) is the state's largest, nonpartisan organization of municipal leaders, representing 165 of CT's 169 town and cities, including yours! We work together with your town/city to improve your life and the lives of your friends, family, and neighbors. CCM wants to hear your voice! As we work to make your life better, we want to ask you about your local town/city.

### Project:

Think about the question *what is cool about local government?*

Create an entry using this as the central question and general theme. Have fun and be creative with this project! You may choose to submit an essay, poem, photo, video, painting, multimedia project, or any other medium you find appropriate. Images of original 3-dimensional art will be accepted.

### Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Do you know anyone that works in local government that you could speak to on the topic?
- What excites you about your town?
- What services do you like that your local government provides? (Club sports, theater, parks, fairs and festivals, parades, etc.)
- What is your favorite place in your town?
- What suggestions do you have to make your government cooler? What services do you wish your town provided?

### Who Can Enter:

The contest is open to all Connecticut public middle (grades 6-8) or high (grades 9-12) school students. Participants must create their own original work themselves, but may get help from teachers, parents, or friends in the form of ideas. They may collaborate with peers and submit group projects of no more than 3 people.

### Entry Rules:

- 1) One submission per person/group.
- 2) Essays must be limited to 500 words.
- 3) Poems must be limited to 250 words.
- 4) Photos must meet the following resolution requirements: JPEG or JPG format and at least 1600 pixels wide (if horizontal) or 1600 pixels tall (if vertical) or be a professional quality 8x10 print.
- 5) Videos must be limited to 2 minutes.

- 6) If submitting an original 3-dimensional work of art, you may opt to submit images of the art for consideration, however the original piece must be able to be provided upon request.
- 7) All work must be original.
- 8) All projects must be able to be transported to Foxwoods Resort, if a winning entry.
- 9) Entry should have student's full name attached to item/piece/submission for identification purposes.
- 10) Entry should have school, location, and grade of student attached to item/piece/submission for identification purposes.
- 11) Any submission received by mail/in person will not be returned.
- 12) Entrants must complete the Official Contest Entry Form in its entirety.

**Deadline:**

All entries are due by October 27, 2017.

**Judging:**

The CCM awards committee will choose the winners based on the following:

- Closeness to the theme
- Originality
- Creativity

**Winners:**

CCM will select two winning entries, one each from a middle school and high school, using the criteria listed above. Each winner will be awarded a \$500 scholarship\* to be presented at CCM's Annual Meeting & Dinner during our fall convention on November 28, 2017, along with an overnight stay at Foxwoods Resort for the winner(s) and their parents that evening.

\*prize will be split equally among each group member should a group entry win

All submissions will be featured on CCM's website.

Winners will be notified through their school after November 15, 2017.

**How to Enter:**

Complete the attached official entry form and send to:

By Email: [memberservices@ccm-ct.org](mailto:memberservices@ccm-ct.org)

Be sure to include #LoCoolGov in your subject line

By Mail: CCM  
Attn: Tiffany Newsome  
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New Haven, CT 06510

**Still have questions?**

Email us at [memberservices@ccm-ct.org](mailto:memberservices@ccm-ct.org)!