

Mayor for a Day Essay Contest 2026

Required Information:

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Essay:

Fargo is an amazing place! We have a skate park, nature like Lindenwood Park, sledding hills for when its cold, an air museum, and so much more! Crime rates are very low in Fargo so it is a pretty safe place to live. The crime rates have decreased as much as 10% throughout November 2025 to early 2026. There are amazing job opportunities, super cool places to live that are affordable, and a friendly community. So if you ever need any help, someone will probably lend a hand. A fun fact about Fargo is we were originally part of the Sioux territory until 1861 when it was claimed as part of the Dakota territory. Also housing is 14-17 percent cheaper than a bigger city. Fargo's approximate price for housing is around 310,000 for the home and 285,000

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for the sales price. Compared to a bigger city it costs usually around one million dollars and up. Fargo is a safe, affordable, peaceful place to call home. If I were the mayor of Fargo, I would improve something in our community by either adding a library or museum, or both. I would add a history museum because learning about our history is important so we can learn not to make the same mistakes in the future. I would add an additional library because it serves a purpose for students of all ages, can be a place in the community where people can enjoy themselves, get books, and build strong relationships. If I could restrict something it would be vaping, because it is really addictive with all the nicotine in it and it can give you lung and heart damage.

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Some of my concerns about our green spaces and water source are that they are sometimes polluted and trashed, which is really bad for our environment, the air we breathe, and how we feel about our city. I would also try to have some community events where we go out, dress up, socialize, and just have fun. It would be a way to build community relationships, self-confidence, and help people have better social skills. Overall, we have an amazing education system (I can confirm), affordable housing, low crime rates, and if you visit the Fargo-Moorhead visitors center you can see the Wood-chipper from the movie "Fargo." So if I become mayor, I hope you feel that you are on good hands.

Bonus: (Fun Fact: Fargo was originally named Centralia before being named Fargo in 1872)