If I Were Mayor, I Would...

Student Contest

The Oregon Mayors Association and your city invite you to enter the "If I Were Mayor..." contest.

Share your creative ideas about what you would do as mayor.

Local winners are entered into the state contest for a chance to win an **iPad Air!***

CONTEST DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2014

Contest Rules:

GENERAL RULES:

- All submissions must be accompanied by a completed entry form. All forms for students under age 18 must be signed by the student's parent or guardian. Entry forms may be photocopied.
- Only one submission per student will be accepted at the state level.
- Submissions will not be returned and will become the property of the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA).
- OMA retains the right to publish essays and posters along with the names and likenesses of each student.
- Previous statewide winners may participate but are not eligible to receive prizes.
- League of Oregon Cities (LOC) employees and dependents are not eligible to enter.

**First place statewide winners will receive an Apple iPad Air tablet, 64GB, Wi-Fi model. Visit the Apple Store to view more features.*

POSTERS:

- The poster contest is open to students enrolled in grades 4 and 5 or being home-schooled at the same grade level for the 2013-14 school year.
- Poster size must be a minimum of 17" and a maximum of 28" in height or width.
- Students are encouraged to be creative and may use any art medium (e.g., poster paints, felt pens, colored pencils, pastels, crayons, etc.). The poster may be in color or black and white.
- The student's name and a daytime phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must appear on the back of the poster.

ESSAYS:

- The essay contest is open to students enrolled in grades 6 through 8 or being home-schooled at the same grade level for the 2013-14 school year.
- Essays must be 500 to 1,000 words in length and typed.
- The student's name and a daytime phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must appear at the top of the essay.

VIDEO or POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS:

- The video/PowerPoint contest is open to students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 or being home-schooled at the high school level for the 2013-14 school year.
- Presentations must be one to three minutes in length and submitted on DVD or CD.
- The student's name and a daytime phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must be written on the disk or disk sleeve.

For more information about the local contest, contact Beverly Maughan at 503.992.3234.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

"If I Were Mayor, I Would…"

2014 Student Contest

(This form must accompany EVERY contest entry)

What Does a Mayor Do?

Oregon mayors are elected by the voters in their city to serve as the chair of the city's governing body—the city council. They are the recognized civic leader in the eyes of the community and the person who represents their city to other governments and individuals. The mayor presides over council meetings and participates in discussions. In many cases he or she votes on issues only in cases of a tie. Depending on the city's charter (the equivalent of a constitution), the mayor may also appoint committees to study public policy (in areas such as parks, transportation, community planning, libraries, traffic safety, etc.) with council approval, veto ordinances (city laws) passed by the council, and sign ordinances and other records approved by the council.

Judging Criteria

Judging of the local contest will be conducted by your city officials. A panel of Oregon mayors will conduct statewide judging. In selecting the winners, the judges will consider:

- ✓ ***Creativity*** – Does the student demonstrate curiosity and originality?
- ✓ ***Clarity/Sincerity of Thought*** – Is the submission well thought out and organized?
- ✓ ***Proper Use of Grammar*** – Does the submission contain proper spelling, grammar and punctuation?
- ✓ ***Subject Relevancy*** – Are the major points relevant to the role of a government leader? Does the student demonstrate an understanding of municipal government and the job of mayor?

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Student name: _____ Grade: _____

Home address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

School: _____ Sponsoring teacher: _____

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Email address: _____ Daytime phone: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: *(Required for students under age 18)*: _____

Verification Statement: *I hereby verify that the student whose name appears on this entry form produced the work submitted.*

Signature of teacher or parent/guardian: _____

Print name: _____ Relationship: _____

Submissions must be accompanied by a completed entry form and be received no later than **APRIL 15, 2014.**

Student last name: _____City Represented: _____

Questions and/or electronic submission to:

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