

# WIN LAPTOP COMPUTERS!

**ATTENTION Students in 4<sup>th</sup> thru' 6<sup>th</sup> Grade,**

**Junior High, High School & College!!**

## **"If I Were Mayor..." 2010 Student Contests**

*Sponsored by the Oregon Mayors Association*

### **3 ways to win!!**

- **POSTER**
- **ESSAY**
- **VIDEO**



**Contest Opens:**

**March 31, 2010**

**Contest Deadline:**

**May 28, 2010**

### **CONTEST RULES**

#### **GENERAL:**

- 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 (MULTIPLE LOCAL ENTRIES OK).
- 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.
- Prior winners are not allowed to participate.
- League of Oregon Cities (LOC) employees and dependents are not eligible to enter.

#### **POSTERS:**

- The poster contest is open to students enrolled in the 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> elementary grades or being home-schooled at the same grade level for the 2009-10 school year.
- Poster size must be 17" x 27".
- 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 day-time phone number **must** appear on the back of the poster.

#### **ESSAYS:**

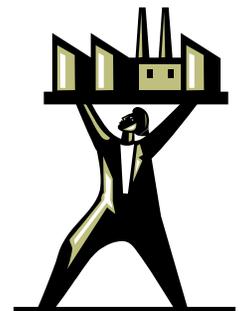
- The essay contest is open to students enrolled in middle school or being home-schooled at the middle school grade level for the 2009-10 school year.
- Essays must be 500 to 1,000 words in length and typed.
- The student's name and day-time phone number **must** appear at the top of the essay.

#### **VIDEO/POWERPOINT PRESENTATION:**

- The video/PowerPoint contest is open to students enrolled in high school or college or being home-schooled at the high school level for the 2009-10 school year.
- Presentations must be one minute in length or less.
- Presentations must be submitted on DVD or CD.
- The student's name and day-time phone number **must** appear on the DVD/CD.

Submit your original work **with** a completed entry form to: **Bev Maughan,**

**City of Forest Grove, PO Box 326, Forest Grove, OR 97116 or [bmaughan@forestgrove-or.gov](mailto:bmaughan@forestgrove-or.gov).**



# OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

## “If I WERE MAYOR...” CONTEST

**(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

Local judging will be conducted by the City Council. Statewide judging will be conducted by a panel of Mayors. 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?

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Sponsoring teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship (parent/guardian, teacher): \_\_\_\_\_

**Submissions must be accompanied by a completed entry form and received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 28, 2010.**

CONTESTANT LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CITY REPRESENTED \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions and/or electronic submission to:**

**Bev Maughan at 503.992.3234 or [bmaughan@forestgrove-or.gov](mailto:bmaughan@forestgrove-or.gov).**