

"If I Were Mayor..." 2009 Student Contests

Sponsored by the Oregon Mayors Association for
Students in 4th thru 6th Grade, Junior High, High School & College!!

WIN CASH, GIFT CERTIFICATES at local level and
LAPTOP COMPUTERS at state level!

3 ways to win!!

- POSTER
- ESSAY
- VIDEO



Contest Opens:

April 1, 2009

Contest Deadline:

May 29, 2009

One Winner from Each Category will be eligible for the Statewide Competition

CONTEST RULES

POSTERS:

- The poster contest is open to students enrolled in the 4th through 6th elementary grades or being home-schooled at the same grade level for the 2008-09 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 daytime 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 level for the 2008-09 school year.
- Essays must be 500 to 1,000 words in length and typed.
- The student's name and daytime 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 2008-09 school year.
- Presentations must be one minute in length or less.
- Presentations must be submitted on DVD or CD.
- The student's name and daytime phone number **must** appear on the DVD/CD.

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.
- 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.



Submit your original work *with* a completed entry form to:
Beverly Maughan, City Hall, PO Box 326, Forest Grove, OR 97116.

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: _____

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 29, 2009.

CONTESTANT LAST NAME _____ CITY REPRESENTED _____

Questions and/or electronic submission (essay only) to:

Beverly Maughan, Exec Assistant to City Manager, 503-992-3234, bmaughan@forestgrove-or.gov