

2015 STUDENT POSTER/ESSAY/VIDEO CONTEST

"If I Were Mayor..."

Sponsored by the City of Tualatin and Oregon Mayors Association

Grades 4-12 • Entries due April 24, 2015

CONTEST RULES

GENERAL:

- All submissions should answer the prompt "If I were mayor, I would..."
- 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 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 may participate, but they are not eligible for prizes.
- League of Oregon Cities employees and dependents are not eligible to enter.

POSTERS (Grades 4-5):

- The poster contest is open to students enrolled in grades 4-5 or being home-schooled at that grade level for the 2014-15 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 daytime phone number or email address of parent **must** appear on the back of the poster.

ESSAYS (Grades 6-8):

- The essay contest is open to students enrolled in middle school or being home-schooled at the middle school grade level for the 2014-15 school year.
- Essays must be 500 to 1,000 words in length and typed.
- The student's name and daytime phone number or email address for parent or guardian **must** appear at the top of the essay.

VIDEO OR POWERPOINT PRESENTATION (High School):

- The video/Powerpoint contest is open to students enrolled in high school or being home-schooled at the high school level for the 2014-15 school year.
- Presentations must be **one to three minutes in length.**
- Presentations must be submitted on DVD or CD.
- The student's name and daytime phone number or email of parent or guardian **must** appear on the DVD/CD.



Submit your original work with a completed entry form to the Tualatin Public Library by 5:00pm on April 24, 2015. Entries may be mailed in to "If I Were Mayor" Contest, Tualatin Public Library, 188878 SW Martinazzi Ave., Tualatin, OR 97062. For more information, please call 503.691.3061 or visit www.tualatinoregon.gov.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

(Must accompany EVERY contest entry)

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"If I Were Mayor..."

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. 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, and sign ordinances and other records approved by the council.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Local judging will be conducted by the "If I Were Mayor..." judging panel. 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?

One local winner will be selected from each age category and win \$100. Local winners will be submitted to the statewide contest for a chance to win an iPad Air!

Student name: _____ Grade: _____

Home address: _____

City/state/zip: _____

School: _____ Teacher: _____

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Email: _____ 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 enclosed.

Signature: _____

Print name: _____ Relationship: (parent/guardian, teacher) _____

Submissions must be accompanied by a completed entry form and received no later than 5:00pm, Friday, April 24, 2015

STUDENT LAST NAME: _____ CITY REPRESENTED: Tualatin, OR

If you have questions, please visit www.tualatinoregon.gov or call 503.691.3061.