"If I Were Mayor, I Would…"
2014-15 OMA Student Contest
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

(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 or other persons appointed by the mayor. A panel of Oregon mayors will judge the statewide entries. 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 May 1, 2015 at 5:00 pm.

Student Last Name: _____ City Represented: _____

Questions and/or electronic submission to:

Sylvia Murphy, City Recorder at 503.625.4246 or murphys@sherwoodoregon.gov