

CONTEST INFORMATION

Don't let your city's students miss out on a FREE iPad Air 2!

Plan to participate in the 2016-17 "If I Were Mayor, I Would..." student contest, sponsored by the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA).

Here's How It Works . . .

Local Contests

- Each mayor promotes a local contest by the same name for the purpose of selecting one local winner in each of the three categories:
 - Elementary School (grades 4-5) Poster
 - Middle School (grades 6-8) Essay
 - High School (grades 9-12) Digital Media Presentation (e.g., video, PowerPoint, Prezi, etc.)
- Identify local prizes to be awarded by the city and paid for by the city for the local winners. Examples:
 - Cash award, savings bond or gift card
 - Lunch with the mayor and/or shadow the mayor for a day
 - Recognition/award for the winning student's teacher
 - Article in local newspaper, city newsletter and/or city website
- It would be the city's responsibility to promote the local contest within the community, for example:
 - In community newsletter
 - In local newspapers
 - Visiting the elementary, middle and high schools, perhaps discussing the role of the mayor
 - At city council meetings
 - At local service club meetings (Chamber, Rotary, etc.)
 - Identify local sponsors for additional exposure and prizes

One participating city reported receiving better quality submissions by providing suggested topics for entries. Another city encourages middle school teachers to use the essay contest as an English writing assignment.

Local winning submissions may be emailed or mailed (posters) **by May 12, 2017** to:
Jennifer Lewis, jlewis@orcities.org • OMA, 1201 Court St. NE #200, Salem, OR 97301

Statewide Competition

Local mayors will submit no more than one winner from each category – grade school, middle school and high school (three total) – to Jennifer Lewis at OMA **by May 12, 2017** to be eligible for the statewide competition.

- Previous statewide winners may participate, but are not eligible to receive a prize in the same category (grade level) they have previously won in. Previous statewide winners are eligible to receive a prize in a new category. The local jurisdiction may use their discretion as to whether previous local winners are eligible to participate.
- A sample flyer and entry form will be sent electronically to each city's manager, administrator or recorder for local customization (e.g., local submission instructions and due date) and reproduction.
- Statewide winners will be selected by a committee of OMA members.
- Statewide winners and their mayors will be notified mid-June 2017. First-place statewide winners and their parent(s) will be recognized at an awards luncheon held during the OMA Annual Conference in Lebanon July 27-29, 2017, where they will receive their prizes – an **Apple iPad Air 2 tablet**. Second-place winners are often selected depending on funds available for prizes. Second-place prizes are traditionally presented locally by the mayor. First-place statewide winners will receive additional recognition:
 - Press releases sent to their local media
 - Acknowledgment in the OMA quarterly newsletter
 - Acknowledgment on the OMA website (www.oregonmayors.org)

Questions? Contact Jennifer Lewis at (503) 588-6550 or jlewis@orcities.org

“If I Were Mayor, I Would...”

2016-17 OMA Student Contest

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

(This form must accompany EVERY contest entry)

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 *April 15, 2017 at 5:00 pm***

Student's last name: _____ City Represented: _____

Questions and/or electronic submission to:
City of Sherwood, Attn: Sylvia Murphy
22560 SW Pine Street, Sherwood, Oregon 97140
Email: murphys@sherwoodoregon.gov or Call: 503-625-4246