

“If I Were Mayor...”
2025-26 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 - Fill in EVERY blank – One person per entry

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Home address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

School: _____ Sponsoring teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

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: _____

Student's Last Name: _____ City Represented: _____

Submissions must be accompanied by a completed entry form **and be received no later than:**

February 23, 2026

(LOCAL entry deadline date)

Send questions and/or electronic submission to:

jzaik@forestgrove-or.gov

(CITY email address to send entry to)