



IF I WERE MAYOR....

2025-26 STUDENT CONTEST

The Oregon Mayors Association and your city invite you to enter the "If I Were Mayor..." Contest

Share your creative ideas about what you would do as mayor.

Local winners are entered into the state contest for a chance to win a prize worth \$500!



LOCAL CONTEST DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 23, 2026

CONTEST RULES

- All submissions must be accompanied by a completed entry form. All forms for students under the age of 18 must be signed by the student's parent or guardian.
- Only one submission per student and one student per entry will be accepted at the state level.
- Previous statewide winners may participate, but are not eligible to receive a prize in the same category they previously won in. They are eligible to receive a prize in a new category.
- State level submissions become property of the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA).
- OMA retains the right to publish state-level entries along with the names and likeness of each student.
- League of Oregon Cities (LOC) employees and dependents are not eligible to enter.

First, Second, and Third Place statewide winners will receive their prizes during local recognition events.

Posters - take a photo and save as a PNG, JPEG, or PDF file



- Open to students enrolled in grades 4 & 5 or being home-schooled at the same grade level for the 2025-26 school year.
- Students are encouraged to be creative and may use any art medium (paint, felt pens, colored pencils, pastels, crayons, 3D art, etc.).

Essays - formats allowed: Word, PDF, PowerPoint



- The essay contest is open to students enrolled in grades 6-8 or being home-schooled at the same grade level for the 2025-26 school year.
- Essays must be 500-1,000 words in length and typed.

Digital Media Presentations - formats allowed: MP4 or online video format



- Open to students enrolled in grades 9-12 or being home-schooled at the same grade level for the 2025-26 school year.
- Presentations must be one to three minutes in length and may be submitted via email.

CONTACT US

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For more information about your local city contest, please contact your city at: jzaik@forestgrove-or.gov