

CITY OF ST. HELENS



IF I WERE MAYOR STUDENT CONTEST

Do you have innovative or creative ideas to improve St. Helens? Tell us and you could win \$100!

Poster contest: Grades 4-5

Essay contest: Grades 6-8

Digital media contest: Grades 9-12

Contest Deadline April 6, 2020

Application at www.ci.st-helens.or.us/news



If I Were Mayor...

Student Contest

2019-2020



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: _____

Contest Rules:

GENERAL RULES:

- 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.
- Previous statewide winners may participate, but are not eligible to receive a prize in the same category (grade level) they previously won in. They are eligible to receive a prize in a new category.
- State level submissions become the property of the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA).
- OMA retains the right to publish state-level entries along with the names and likenesses of each student.
- League of Oregon Cities (LOC) employees and dependents are not eligible to enter.

POSTERS:

- The poster contest is open to students enrolled in grades 4 and 5 or being home-schooled at the same grade level for the 2019-20 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, three-dimensional art, etc.). The poster may be in color or black and white.
- The student's name and a daytime phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must appear on the back of the poster.

ESSAYS:

- The essay contest is open to students enrolled in grades 6 through 8 or being home-schooled at the same grade level for the 2019-20 school year.
- Essays must be 500 to 1,000 words in length and typed.
- The student's name and a daytime phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must appear at the top of the essay.

DIGITAL MEDIA PRESENTATIONS (video, PowerPoint, Prezi, etc.):

- The digital media presentation contest is open to students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 or being home-schooled at the high school level for the 2019-20 school year.
- Presentations must be one to three minutes in length and may be submitted on disk or emailed.
- The student's name and a daytime phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must be written on the disk or disk sleeve.

First-place statewide winners will receive their prizes during the OMA Summer Conference, to be held August 6-8 in North Bend.

For more information about the local contest please contact Megan George at mgeorge@orcities.org
For more information about your local city contest, please contact your city at: _____

“If I Were Mayor...”

2019-20 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: _____

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: _____

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

(entry deadline date)

Student's last name: _____ City Represented: _____

Questions and/or electronic submission to:

(City email address to send entry to)