



IF I WERE MAYOR... Contests

**Win \$100 from the City of Redmond
and the opportunity to compete for
a laptop computer from the
Oregon Mayors Association**

Included are
the Contest Rules and the Official Entry Form.

Make sure you follow the rules! Some entries were eliminated last year because the rules were not followed. We want to give every student the chance to win!

Winners of the local contest will be announced in June. Those students will be invited to a City Council meeting to be recognized. The posters will be displayed, the winning essay will be read, and the winning slide / video show will be shown. Redmond winning entries will be submitted for the statewide contest, and the victors will be invited to the Oregon Mayors Association Annual Conference, planned for August 6, 2011, in Madras, Oregon, for recognition.

Good luck to all!

George Endicott
Mayor



“If I Were Mayor...” 2011 Student Contests

Sponsored by the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA)

ATTENTION Redmond Students
Grades 4-6, Middle School, High School & College!!
Win \$100 at the Local Level
Compete Statewide for a Laptop Computer!!

**Submit your original work with a completed entry form
by 4:00 PM Tuesday, May 31, 2011:**

In person or by mail:

Redmond City Hall
Attn: Betty Borgen
716 SW Evergreen Avenue
Redmond, OR 97756

or by e-mail:

Betty.Borgen@ci.redmond.or.us

Questions: (541) 923-7755

Contest Rules

General:

- All submissions must be accompanied by a completed Official 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.
- Submissions will not be returned and will become the property of the City of Redmond or the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA).
- The City of Redmond and OMA retain the right to publish essays and posters along with the names and likenesses of each student.
- Prior winners are not allowed to participate.
- City of Redmond and League of Oregon Cities (LOC) employees and dependents are not eligible to enter.
- Redmond contest participants must attend classes or be home-schooled in the Redmond area.
- City of Redmond contest winners will each receive \$100 (one for each category) to be awarded during a City Council meeting. They will go on to compete in the statewide OMA competition.
- 3 statewide winners will receive laptop computers at the OMA Annual Conference August 6, 2011, in Madras.

Posters – Grades 4 thru 6:

- The poster contest is open to students enrolled in the elementary grades 4--6 or being home-schooled at the same grade level for the 2010-11 school year.
- **Poster size must be 17” x 27.”**
- Students are encouraged to be creative and may use any art medium (e.g., poster paints, felt pens, colored pencils, pastels, crayons, etc.). The poster may be in color or black and white.
- The student's name and daytime phone number must appear on the back of the poster.

Essays – Middle School:

- The essay contest is open to students enrolled in middle school or being home-schooled at the middle school grade level for the 2010-11 school year.
- Essays must be 500 to 1,000 words in length and typed.
- The student's name and daytime phone number must appear at the top of the essay.

Video/PowerPoint Presentation – High School & College:

- The video/PowerPoint contest is open to students enrolled in high school or college or being home-schooled at the high school level for the 2010-11 school year.
- Presentations must be one minute in length or less.
- Presentations must be submitted on DVD or CD.
- The student's name and daytime phone number must appear on the DVD/CD.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

“If I Were Mayor...” 2011 Student Contests

(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

Local judging will be conducted by the City Council. Statewide judging will be conducted by a panel of Mayors. 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?

Student name: _____

Home phone: _____

Home address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

School: _____

Sponsoring teacher: _____

Name of parent/guardian: _____ E-mail address _____

Signature of parent/guardian: *(Required for students under age 18)*

Verification Statement: *I hereby verify that the work enclosed was produced by the student whose name appears on this entry form.*

Signature: _____

Print name: _____

Relationship (parent/guardian, teacher): _____

Submissions, including completed entry form, must be received no later than 4:00 pm, Tuesday, May 31, 2011.

CONTESTANT LAST NAME _____ CITY REPRESENTED _____

**Questions and/or electronic submission to:
Betty.Borgen@ci.redmond.or.us; (541) 923-7755**