

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

“If I Were Mayor...” 2012 Student Contest

(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, and sign ordinances and other records approved by the council.

Judging Criteria

Local judging will be conducted by the City Council. A panel of Mayors will conduct statewide judging. 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? (Applies to essay and video submissions only.)
- ✓ **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 address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ 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 student whose name appears on this entry form produced the work enclosed.*

Signature of Teacher or Parent: _____

Print name and school representing: _____

Relationship (parent/guardian, teacher): _____

Submissions must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 29, 2012.

All Entries must have student’s name and phone number on entry and accompanied with this completed form.

CONTESTANT LAST NAME: _____ CITY REPRESENTED: Newberg

Submit your original work with a completed entry form to:

Norma Alley, Newberg City Recorder, 414 E. First St., Newberg, OR 97132
Electronic Submissions can be sent to norma.alley@newbergoregon.gov

Have questions? Call Norma at (503) 537-1283