CONTEST INFORMATION

Here’s How It Works . . .

First, each mayor promotes a local contest by the same name to select one local winner in each of the three categories:

- **Elementary School** (grades 4 -5) – Poster
- **Middle School** (grades 6 – 8) – Essay
- **High School** (grades 9 – 12) – Digital Media Presentation (e.g. MP4, Pitcherific, Videoscribe, etc.)

Examples of winning entries from previous years for each category can be viewed at www.oregonmayors.org. Additional instructions for each of the categories are also available on the website.

Each mayor can design the local contest as they decide but do be aware of **the deadline of May 7, 2021** for the statewide competition. A sample flyer and entry form will be sent electronically to each city’s manager/administrator/recorder and mayor for customization and reproduction in August 2020.

**Ideas for Local Contests**

- Identify local prizes to be awarded by the city and paid for by the city for the local winners. Mayors are encouraged to identify local sponsors for additional exposure and prizes.
  - Cash award or gift card
  - Lunch with the mayor and/or shadow the mayor for a day
  - Article in local newspaper, city newsletter and/or city’s website
- Increase participation in the contest by promoting it in a variety of ways.
  - City Newsletter
  - Local Newspapers
  - Visiting local schools
  - Announcing at City Council Meetings
  - Announcing at local service club meetings (Chamber, Rotary, etc.)
Statewide Competition Rules & Parameters

Once your local contest is complete, submit no more than one winner from each category – elementary, middle and high school (three total) – to Debi Higgins at OMA by the deadline of May 7, 2021 to be eligible for the statewide competition.

- Previous statewide winners may participate, but are not eligible to receive a prize in the same category they have previously won in. However, they are eligible to receive a prize in a new category.

- Local winning submissions must be received by May 7, 2021 to be considered in the statewide competition.

- Statewide winners are determined by OMA’s Student Contest Selection Committee, comprised of mayors from across the state.

- Mayors of students who win in the statewide competition will be notified in mid-July 2021. It is the responsibility of the mayor to notify the winners. Mayors of students who do not win will not be notified. These students will receive certificates of recognition following the OMA Summer Conference, usually in July.

- First-place statewide winners and their parent(s) will be recognized at an awards luncheon held during the OMA Summer Conference in North Bend at the Mill Casino, July 29 – 31, 2021. Staff will contact parent(s) of statewide winners in June to arrange travel to the conference.

- Prizes for first and second-place winners of the statewide competition are dependent on funding available. Prizes in 2020 included $500.00 for first-place winners, $300.00 for second-place winners and $100.00 for third-place winners.

- First-place winners will be recognized by a press release sent to the local media, acknowledgement in the OMA quarterly newsletter and on the OMA website.

- Posters and other statewide contest entry materials become the property of the OMA when submitted. They will be available for pick up at the OMA Summer Conference, July 29 – 31, 2021 in North Bend at the Mill Casino. Materials that are not picked up during this time will be destroyed.

Local winning submissions may be emailed by May 7, 2021 to Debi Higgins | dhiggins@orcities.org
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