

MAYORS

COUNCIL OF OKLAHOMA

ABOUT MCO

The Mayors Council of Oklahoma unites Oklahoma mayors with the goal of creating effective leaders and providing a voice for collective action statewide. MCO informs, equips, and inspires Oklahoma mayors to better serve their local communities and build the State of Oklahoma. From the smallest to largest communities, they are “Many Voices: One Mission.”



ABOUT OML

The Oklahoma Municipal League (OML), an association of Oklahoma cities and towns established in 1913, serves as the individual and collective voice of municipal government officials in interactions at both the state and national levels. The League provides services and programs to its members to assist them in better serving their citizens and communities.

Oklahoma Municipal League
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“If I Were Mayor ...”

Annual Essay Contest for Oklahoma 8th Grade Students



2019 Essay Winner

OML Executive Director Mike Fina, Seth Brown, Stilwell and Rep. David Harden

The Mayors Council of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Municipal League invites ALL 8th grade students throughout Oklahoma to participate in a statewide essay contest.

ABOUT THE CONTEST

Inviting all Oklahoma 8th grade students to participate in the annual “If I Were Mayor, I Would...” contest!

The Mayors Council of Oklahoma (MCO) and the Oklahoma Municipal League (OML) invite all Oklahoma 8th graders from home, public, and private schools to participate in a statewide essay contest, “If I Were Mayor, I Would...” to tell others what they would do as mayor to make their city or town a better place to live.

This essay contest provides students the opportunity to reflect on the role of the key elected official in their community as well as consider what they would do if they were to become mayor themselves.

Entries will be judged on:

- Originality and appropriateness to the theme
- Content regarding what the writer would like to accomplish as mayor of their city or town
- Communicating the necessary steps it would take to make their suggested ideas a reality within their city or town
- Understanding of the mayor’s position
- Spelling, grammar and legibility

Three finalist will be chosen from the contest entries. Prizes will include:

1st Place – \$250

2nd Place – \$150

3rd Place – \$100

The winners will be recognized at the Annual Congress of Mayors, to be held on February 7, 2020.



ESSAY CONTEST RULES

The contest is open to all Oklahoma students enrolled in the 8th grade in home, public, and private schools during the 2019-2020 school year.

Be creative with your ideas!

- Essays must address the subject with the opening line beginning: “If I Were Mayor...”
- Essays may not exceed 250 words.
- Only one essay may be submitted per student
- **Students must include their first and last names, school, and teacher or parent’s name at the top of their essays. Essays must be received no later than December 13, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**

Additional information can be found at <https://www.oml.org/if-i-were-mayor/>

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

- ❖ **One entry form may be submitted for entire class**
- ❖ **Please ensure that name of student, teacher or sponsoring adult, and school is included on each essay**

Student Name: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____

City/Town, Zip: _____

School phone: _____

Teacher or Sponsoring Adult Name:

Teacher or Sponsoring Adult Email/Phone Number
(required): _____

**E-mail entries to
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