

2024 If I Were Mayor 8th Grade Essay Contest

ABOUT THE CONTEST

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

Promoting effective municipal government is important to Oklahoma’s cities and towns. This essay contest provides students the opportunity to reflect on the role of the key elected official in their own community.

Our future leaders are in the classrooms and the education they receive today will help them to become good citizens tomorrow — and hopefully future Mayors.

The contest gives students a chance to creatively use cognitive and grade-specific language arts skills and civics/social studies language.

Entries will be judged based upon originality and appropriateness to the theme: What the writer would try to accomplish as Mayor of their city or town and what they would do to make it happen. Essays must display an understanding of the Mayor’s position. Grammar, legibility, and spelling will also be considered by the judges.

Three winners will be selected for the following prizes:

1st Place – \$250

2nd Place – \$150

3rd Place – \$100

Winners will be awarded at the Annual Congress of Mayors, February 9, 2024 at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

ESSAY CONTEST RULES

Be creative with your ideas!

- The contest is open to all Oklahoma students enrolled in the 8th grade in home, public, and private schools during the 2023-2024 school year.
- Essays must address the subject with the opening line beginning: “If I Were Mayor, I Would ...”
- Essays may not exceed 250 words.
- Only one essay may be submitted per student.
- Essays will be judged in the following areas:
 1. Knowledge about municipal government and the role of a Mayor,
 2. Proper grammar, legibility, spelling, and creativity.
- **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 January 12, 2024.

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

- * One entry form may be submitted for entire class.
- * Please make sure student's name, teacher or sponsoring adult name, and school name is on each essay.

Student Name: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____

City/Town, Zip: _____

School phone: _____

Teacher or Sponsoring Adult Name: _____

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

**E-mail entries to Sarah Lingenfelter
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