



NEWS RELEASE

The Dalles City Council is partnering with North Wasco School District 21 to offer students the opportunity to compete in the Oregon Mayor's Association 'If I were Mayor' contest. Home school and private school youth are also encouraged to participate. The theme for this year's competition is 'After School Would Be' encouraging community youth to express their views on what the community should be for them when not in school. The competition is divided into 3 age groups with three different sets of requirements. Grades 4-6 are asked to create a poster to tell their story. 7th & 8th graders can either write a 500-1000 word essay or create a 1 minute video or powerpoint presentation. High school students will compete with videos or powerpoint presentations. Local winners in each age group will be presented a \$25 gift card at a City Council meeting. Their entries will be forwarded to the state level to compete with winners from other cities. Winners at the state level are invited to the OMA conference in Florence with their parents during the July annual conference to receive the award and a laptop computer. Entry forms and rules can be obtained at the schools or from the City website (TheDalles.com) All entries must be in by April 13.

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