

Optimist Oratorical Contest 2011-2012

This year we will be holding a combined gender contest (those clubs holding a contest, must also hold a combined gender contest).

TOPIC	"How my Optimism Helps me Overcome Obstacles"	
LENGTH OF SPEECH	At least 4 minutes but not more than 5 minutes	
WEB-SITE	www.optimist.org To download more information and forms required for your contest, Go to Members/Programs/Scholarship Contest/Oratorical Contest	
CONTEST LEVEL	DATE OF EVENT	RESULTS
Club Level	Should be held by early March 2012	Top two contestants advance to the Zone contest. Winners' names submitted to the Lieutenant Governor of your Zone by mid-March.
Zone level Contest Zone contest date is set by the Lieutenant Governor	Should be held by late March 2012	Top two contestants from each zone advance to the Regional Contest. Winners' names must be submitted to District Oratorical Chair by Thursday, April 5th, 2012
Regional Contest	April 14th, Harmony in Action, 3335 Woodward Ave., Windsor	Top 6 competitors will be invited to compete at the District Oratorical Contest to be held at the 3 rd Quarter Board (April 28 th)
District Contest	April 28, 2011 at the Best Western Stoneridge Inn and Conference Centre (3rd Quarter Board) 12:00 noon sharp	Top two contestants will be awarded a trophy from the District and a \$2500 scholarship from Optimist International.

Suggested Prizes:

Club Level:	Medallion	
Zone level:	Certificate	
Regional Level:	Certificate	
District Level:	Trophy and \$2500 scholarship (2 prizes awarded)	

Qualifications for Contestants

- Contest is open to students under the age of 18 as of December 31 of the 2011-2012 school year. **They cannot have graduated from high school.**
- All contestants must provide age verification with their entry application before competing.
- For Zone, Regional and District contests, contestants must present a typewritten copy of their speech - double-spaced, and identified with their name and the sponsoring Optimist Club. A copy of the contestant's birth certificate and a completed Zone/Regional/District Entry form must accompany the speech.
- Contestants can only compete in one Optimist Club's Oratorical Contest during a contest year (Oct. 1 – Sept. 30).
- A contestant who has won an Optimist International Oratorical scholarship award is ineligible for any future competition.

Judging

You will need 3 judges and 1 timekeeper.

At the club level – the judges can be optimists but they cannot be acquainted in any way with any of the contestants.

At the Zone/Regional/District level – judges cannot be optimists.

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