

# Optimist International Scholarships Contests 2016-2017

## Essay Contest



Topic

### "Chasing Optimism in the Face of Challenges"

Compose a 700 to 800 word essay around this central idea

**Open to Participants under the age of 18 as of October 1, 2016**

Entry Due to Club \_\_\_\_\_

Winner Club Entry Due to District \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to developing skills for written expression, participants also have the opportunity to win a college scholarship.

**One District Scholarship of \$2,500**

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## Oratorical Contest



Topic

### "What the World Gains from Optimism"

Speech time allowed will be not under 4 minutes or over 5 minutes

**Open to Participants under the age of 18 as of October 1, 2016**

Club Contest Date \_\_\_\_\_

Zone Contest Date \_\_\_\_\_

District Contest \_\_\_\_\_

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First conducted in 1928, this is the second most popular Optimist International Program. Nearly 2,000 clubs participate in this program each year.

**Two District Scholarships of \$2,500 with a chance to win up to \$22,500 at the World Championships level**

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## Communication Contest for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing



Topic

### "What the World Gains from Optimism"

Communication time allowed will be not under 4 minutes or over 5 minutes

**Open to Participants through Grade 12**

Club Contest Date \_\_\_\_\_

Zone Contest Date \_\_\_\_\_

District Contest \_\_\_\_\_

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Students must be certified to have uncorrected hearing loss of 40 decibels or more, which must be supported by an audiogram to be eligible to compete.

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