

PRESENTED BY YOUR GREENSBURG OPTIMIST CLUB

Chance to Win \$500 - \$15,000 Scholarship

Who: All Youth Up to 19 Years Old

What: Write & Present a 4-5 minute original speech on the topic of

“Is There a Fine Line Between Optimism and Reality?”

When: Monday, February 11, 2019

Where: Greensburg High School Library

Time: 6:00 pm

The contest is open to youth under the age of 19 as of October 1st of the current year (Oct 1, 2018- Sept 30, 2019) and is not enrolled as a degree seeking student of a post-secondary institution. There is no minimum age.

This contest is designed for youth to gain experience in public speaking, perfect self-expression, gain self-assurance, improve communication skills, and provide them with the opportunity to compete for a college scholarship.

All applications must be submitted by Wednesday, February 6, 2019.
Applications may be submitted at the following locations:

*Decatur County Schools Administration Building 2020 N. Montgomery Road

*Greensburg Community Schools Administration Building 1312 W. Westridge Parkway

*Email or Fax to Sonja Kolkmeier Email: skolkmeier@greensburg.k12.in.us
Fax: 812-663-8911

Application for 2018-2019 Optimist International Oratorical Contest

Name _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State/Province/Country _____ Zip/Postal Code _____
 Telephone (____) _____ / _____ / _____ E-mail _____
 Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ Age _____
 Have you participated in any other Optimist Club's Oratorical Contest this school year? Yes No
 Contestant Agreement: _____
 I have studied the rules of the contest, and I will be bound by all of the requirements.
 Contestant's Signature _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____

Topic: "Is There a Fine Line Between Optimism and Reality?"

For more information contact: SONJA KOLKMEIER
 Address 1800 E. CENTRAL Phone Number: 812-663-7176 X-1005

Official Rules
 Section I — General Rules
 1. The Optimist International Oratorical contest will begin at the Club level, proceed to the Zone and District level and end with a contest at World Championships level.
 2. Contestants must enter through a local Optimist Club.
 3. The official application must be completed by each contestant and submitted to the sponsoring Club's Contest Chair.
 4. Clubs, Zones and Districts will have a combined gender contests.
 5. No Zone, Regional, or District level contest shall have fewer than 3 or more than 20 contestants competing.
 6. Optimist International has the right to edit, publish and record any speech used in any contest without payment to the author.

District winners must provide a copy of the birth certificate or passport with District entry documentation
 5. A printed copy of the speech must be furnished either before or after the speech.

Section II — Contest Rules
 1. All contestants must speak on the official topic.
 2. A speech may be delivered in English or French.
 3. All contestants must state the official topic in the first sentence of the speech. Timing will begin with the first spoken word. A 3-point penalty is automatically assessed by the timekeeper for failure to state the official topic in the first sentence.
 4. Any quotation, copyrighted, or largely paraphrased material used in the speech must be identified verbally during the presentation and in the written copy of the speech with the original author's name. The contestant shall be fully responsible for the use of any quoted material and Optimist International shall assume no responsibility. Failure to identify non-original material will result in up to 10 penalty points.
 5. The use of props, special costumes or clothing, will result in 10 penalty points
 6. The use of audience prompters will result in disqualification
 7. Notes and lecterns can be used if the contestant desires.
 8. The time allowed will be not under 4 minutes or over 5 minutes. Contestants going over or under will not be cautioned, and will be penalized one point for each 15 seconds or fraction of over or under the allotted time. This penalty will be determined by the official timekeeper.
 9. Timing will begin at the first word spoken. Timing will stop when the contestant finishes.
 10. No reference can be made that identifies the contestant, parents, school, community, sponsoring Optimist Club or District. This will result in a deduction of up to 5 points. Contestants shall not be identified by name or sponsoring Clubs until after the last oration has been presented and the judges and timekeeper have started deliberations.

Parent or Guardian Permission:
 I give my permission for my child/ward to participate in this contest.
 Signature _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____
 Relationship _____
 I _____ grant the Optimist Club/International my permission to use a picture/video of my son/daughter _____ for their public relations purposes. Optimist Club/International may use the photo/video in any publication they see fit.
 Sponsoring Optimist Club Name _____
 Sponsoring Optimist Club Number _____
 Language speech will be spoken in: English French

Section III — Scoring
 Scoring in all Club, Zone, District, and World Championships contests will conform to the following criteria.
 1. Voice—appearance and personality: 10 points
 2. Content of Speech—subject adherence, theme, content, logic and color: 40 points
 3. Delivery & Presentation—voice, volume, pronunciation, gestures, eye contact, sincerity and emphasis: 35 points
 4. Overall Effectiveness—appeal, impression, attitude and effect: 15 points

Section IV — Penalties
 1. Failure to announce the official topic in the first sentence— 3 points
 2. Failure to identify non-original material— up to 10 points
 3. Use of props, costume, etc. - 10 points
 4. Time penalties - 1 point for each 15 seconds or fraction of over or under the allotted time.
 5. Self-identification - up to 5 points

Section V — Awards
 Each winner of the District level contest will receive a scholarship for use at a college, university or trade school only. Three winners awarded scholarships of \$2,500, \$1,500 and \$1,000 respectively for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
 All scholarships will be payable to the educational institution of the recipient's choice, subject to the approval of Optimist International. All scholarships will be administered by Optimist International Winners of an Optimist International scholarship must claim their scholarship by the age of 25.

Section VI — Plaques
 1. Club Level - Medalion
 2. Zone Level - Plaque
 3. District Regional Level - Plaque
 4. District - Plaque and Scholarship

Section VII — World Championships
 Each winner of the World/Regional level contest will receive a scholarship for use at a college, university or trade school only. There will be one winner awarded a \$5000 scholarship at the World Regional Level. All winners of the World Regional Contests will be eligible to compete in the World Championship Contest with awards for first, second, and third place of \$15,000, \$10,000, and \$5,000 respectively at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri.
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Section VIII — World Championships
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