

OPTIMIST PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



Highlighting “The Optimist Creed”

Photographers for the contest should be students at any age up through high school and prior to post-secondary education. Students are asked to submit photos that illustrate/exemplify one of the ten verses/lines of “The Optimist Creed”.

Purpose

To expose young people to “The Optimist Creed” and our philosophy of Optimism and to assist them with developing an interest in the area of photography.

1. This provides an avenue for a student’s artistic expression through photos.
2. The contest introduces both students and parents to “The Optimist Creed” as our philosophy. It makes them aware of a local Optimist club, its activities, and can serve as an opportunity to promote membership.

Rules

Each Optimist club may conduct its own contest and select the winners by whatever method of judging the club deems appropriate but should adhere to guidelines. Many clubs will utilize experienced photographers/art teachers as judges (some of your club members may have this type of experience).

1. A club may conduct their contest with students from elementary through high school. Entries may be from any age range, or a club may wish to limit its own contest for example, to middle school, or high school.
2. Club should select three winning photos to be identified as a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize. You have an option to select a Grand Place/Grand Prize winner overall as well. Club will decide whether it will give medals, plaques, or something else as their prizes. All contestants should receive a participation certificate. If all entries are to be displayed at an event, you can conduct a “People’s Choice Award” as well, this would be done by ballots (one ballot per attendee).
3. Photos are to be judged for the photography quality and for how well the photo illustrates/exemplifies the verse of the Optimist Creed, which is identified on the photo mat frame. A beautiful photograph which does not match the Creed statement it attempts to illustrate, is not necessarily better than a lesser photo that is more to the point.
4. Photos may be any of these sizes: 4” x 6”, 5” x 7”, or 8” x 10”, black and white or color photo. **NO photo-shopping** enhancements should be used other than basic cropping of the photo.
5. Photos should be matted, with “The Optimist Creed” verse/line stated clearly on the front of the mat frame, so judges will know what the photo is to exemplify. The photographer’s name and other identifying information, including the entry form should be attached.
6. To increase the number of entered photos, a club may allow each student photographer to submit more than one photo, up to three. However, **no contestant may be awarded prizes for more than one photo.**



7. Clubs can select their winners by any procedure they desire (a single judge, small panel of qualified judges, vote of members at a club meeting where the photos are displayed). A scoring criteria sheet has been provided in the Optimist Photography Contest information. This contest is new and is a club level contest, but the club's first place photo should be sent to the District for display during the District Oratorical Contest, and receive voting for a "People's Choice Award". This is another avenue to engage participants, their parents/guardians, and other attendees at an Optimist program. Districts may choose to extend the contest to the district level. One ballot per attendee is permitted. A ballot box will be provided and a person designated to tally those votes and announce the winner a District event, plus provide something as the award for being selected the "People's Choice Award" winner for the District. Please share a copy of the winning photos with your district and OI. Please recognize winners in your club's newsletter, etc.
8. If contest winners will be by a ballot vote of the attendees (one ballot per person), the votes will be tallied with a weight of 5 points for a first place vote, 3 points for a second place vote, and 1 point for a third place vote, with the highest vote totals being awarded the prizes. Depending on the number of photos submitted, some adjustment to the procedures may be required in order to clearly establish the top three photographs.
9. If there are any additional questions, contact the Chairperson for the contest.
- 10. RULES AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself –

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.



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OPTIMIST PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Highlighting "The Optimist Creed"

NAME _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE _____

SCHOOL: _____

PARENT'S PHONE: _____

PARENT'S EMAIL: _____

OPTIMIST CLUB: _____ CLUB #: _____

Line/Verse of the Optimist Creed that photo will exemplify: _____

I certify that I took the picture myself. _____

(Student's Signature)

You have permission to print the picture, information, and photo of my child.

(Parent's Signature)

Due date for photo entries: _____**Place above application on the back of each photo submitted (max of three).****Photos should be mounted in a frame mat. Line of creed needs to be on the front of the mat frame. Photos can be 4" X 6", 5" X 7", or 8" X 10".****NO PHOTOSHOPPING OF PHOTOS, ONLY CROPPING IS ALLOWED.**

Submit your photo entries and form to: _____

Via mail or deliver to: _____
