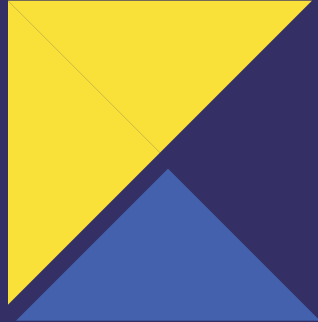




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Optimist Clubs have been dedicated to their mission of providing hope and positive vision to children since 1919, by doing their part to “bring out the best in kids” through community service programs. Optimists conduct 65,000 community service projects each year, spending \$78 million in their communities. Six million kids are positively affected by these Optimist programs.



**“By providing hope and positive vision,
Optimists bring out the best in kids.”**

For more information about the Optimist International programs or community activities, please contact the Optimist International Programs Department.

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SCHOLARSHIP CONTESTS

Essay Contest

The Optimist Essay Contest is designed to develop writing and critical thinking skills by providing the opportunity for young people to develop ideas and views around a central theme or topic. Students are required to compose a 700 to 800 word essay for the chance to win college a scholarship.



Oratorical Contest



Beginning in 1928, the Oratorical contest has become the longest-running program of Optimist International. The Contest is designed for young people to gain experience in public speaking and provide them with a opportunity to compete for college scholarship. Students are required to prepare a 4 to 5 minute speech on a pre-assigned topic.

Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

This contest gives students who are deaf and hard of hearing the opportunity to develop skills and confidence to present, in sign language or orally, to a large audience with a chance to win a college scholarship.



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Optimist Childhood Cancer Campaign

Since the program's inception, Club have participated in various activities focused on cancer awareness disease by providing assistance for children and their families, and supporting research to find cures. Optimist International, through donations collected by Optimist Clubs, fulfilled a research grant commitment of \$1 million to Johns Hopkins, the leading pediatric oncology research institute in North America. Optimist Clubs continue to provide research funding to U.S. and Canadian research hospitals every year.



Internet Safety

The Internet Safety program is designed to educate both young people and their parents about potential dangers on the Internet and to offer information about safe practices while online. A teen program has been developed to raise awareness of dangers like cyber bullying, posting inappropriate content on social networking websites, and Internet predators. Optimist International has partnered with the Internet Keep Safe Coalition in this worthwhile endeavor.



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Optimist International Junior Golf Championships

More than 5,000 boys and girls ages 10-18 throughout the US, Canada and several foreign countries compete in official Optimist qualifying tournaments. The best of these golfers, along with international golfers from around the globe, advance to the annual Optimist International Junior Golf Championships. Each year, more than 650 junior golfers from 30 countries participate.



Other Programs

- Youth Safety
- Youth Appreciation
- Respect for Law
- Tri-Star Sports

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