

# WIN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SPEAKING!

## PURPOSE

Since its start in 1928, the Optimist Oratorical Contest has become the longest-running program sponsored by Optimist International. The contest is designed for youth to gain experience in public speaking and provide them with the opportunity to compete for a college scholarship.



**For more information, contact:**

The Club of \_\_\_\_\_

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Win up to  
**\$22,500**  
or more in scholarships!

## HOW TO APPLY

Interested students should prepare a 4- to 5-minute speech on the assigned topic to be **presented at their local Optimist Club's** contest. The speeches are judged at the Club level, Zone level, Regional level (if needed) and then at the District level.

### Eligibility Criteria:

The contest is open to students under the age of 19 as of October 1.



## OPTIMIST CLUB COMPETITIONS

### Optimist Club Contest and Scholarship

Contact your local Optimist Club regarding contest dates and offered awards.

## OPTIMIST DISTRICT COMPETITIONS

Optimist Club Oratorical Contest Winners will compete at the Optimist District Contest for a chance to win up to a **\$2,500** scholarship. Scholarship must be redeemed by the age of 25.

## OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL ORATORICAL REGIONAL COMPETITIONS

One Optimist District Winner will compete at the Optimist Regional Contest at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri. The Regional Scholarship award is **\$5,000**. Scholarship must be redeemed by the age of 25. The Regional Contest will be held **July 20-22, 2022**, at Saint Louis University.

## OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL ORATORICAL WORLD COMPETITIONS

Each Regional Winner will compete in the World Championship Contest for a chance to win a first, second, or third place scholarship of **\$15,000**, **\$10,000**, or **\$5,000** respectively. The World Championship Contest will be held **July 20-22, 2022**, at Saint Louis University.



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2021-2022 Optimist Oratorical Topic:

# “STAYING OPTIMISTIC IN CHALLENGING TIMES”

