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.

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OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
ORATORICAL
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Win up to $22,500 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, District Regional level (if needed) and then at the District level.

Eligibility Criteria:

The contest is open to students under the age of 18 as of October 1, 2017.

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 **$2500** 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 via live streaming. The Regional Scholarship award is **$5000**. Scholarship must be redeemed by the age of 25. The Regional Contest will be held June 28, 2018 at Saint Louis University via online streaming.

Optimist International Oratorical World Championships

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 June 29, 2018 at Saint Louis University via online streaming.

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY.

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Topic:

"WHERE ARE MY ROOTS OF OPTIMISM?"