

2026 Junior Optimist Summit Sponsorship



Purpose of the Sponsorship

The Junior Optimist Summit Sponsorship Grant is designed to provide financial assistance to Junior Optimist International (JOI) members who would otherwise be unable to attend the JOI Summit due to financial barriers. Funded through the Junior Optimist International Legacy Fund, this sponsorship supports JOI's mission of expanding access to leadership development, international connection, and service opportunities. Priority will be given to members from clubs or countries with limited financial resources and limited club sponsorship support.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be an active member in good standing of a Junior Optimist International club
- Be registered or intending to register for the upcoming JOI Summit
- Demonstrate financial need and lack of sufficient club or district sponsorship
- Have the endorsement of their club advisor or district representative

Priority consideration may be given to

- Members from underrepresented or lower-income regions
- First-time Summit attendees
- Members with demonstrated leadership involvement in JOI

What the Sponsorship Covers

- The sponsorship covers the all-inclusive registration of \$450
- The sponsorship does NOT cover travel or other costs

Application Materials

Applicants must submit through this Microsoft Form Application:

[2026 Junior Optimist Summit Sponsorship – Fill out form](#)

Application Timeline

- Up to four recipients will be selected, with each receiving \$450 JOI Summit registration
- **Application Opens:** April 22, 2026
- **Application Deadline:** May 22, 2026
- **Notification of Awards:** May 29, 2026
- **Funds Distributed By:** Registration Code

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by the Junior Optimist International Board or a designated Committee.

Selection will be based on:

- Demonstrated financial need
- Commitment to JOI and leadership involvement
- Quality and clarity of personal statement
- Geographic and club representation (to ensure global equity)
- All decisions are final

Award Conditions & Responsibilities

Recipients agree to:

- Attend the Summit as planned
- Submit a brief post-Summit reflection (250–300 words) describing:
 - What they learned
 - How they plan to share or apply their experience
- Acknowledge the JOI Legacy Fund support when appropriate

Equity & Access Statement

The Junior Optimist Legacy Sponsorship is committed to expanding access to leadership opportunities for all JOI members, regardless of geographic location or financial circumstances. This grant program seeks to ensure that talented and dedicated members from all regions have the opportunity to participate in the JOI Summit.