



2026 OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL ORATORICAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Saint Louis University
Center for Global Citizenship**

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Wednesday, July 15, 2026

**All times are in Central Daylight Time (CDT)*

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Contestant Registration
6:00 p.m. Welcome, Official Announcements, and Drawing of Speaking Order

Thursday, July 16, 2026

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**Live stream is available on the Optimist International YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@OptimistIntl>*

9:00 a.m. NE & Great Lakes Region

10:15 a.m. Great Plains Region

11:30 a.m. Mid-Atlantic Region

Break

1:30 p.m. Southeast Region

2:30 p.m. Southwest Region

3:30 p.m. Middle America Region

4:30 p.m. West Coast Region

St. Lawrence Region (Remote)

Global Region (Remote)

Friday, July 17, 2026

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9:00 a.m. Announcement of Regional Winners

9:30 a.m. World Championship Contest

11:00 a.m. Announcement of the Optimist International Oratorical World Champions

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