

JUNIOR OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

Program Formation Checklist

What is our **Mission?** “**To Make a Difference as a Youth and reach out to help other youth make a difference too!**”

By embracing the Optimist Creed, we promote positive values like optimism, and respect for ourselves and others while engaging in community service.

The Basics:

___ 1) **8** young people are needed to begin a JOI Club. Send in the [Roster](#) with the Charter and the Fees.

___ 2) [Charter Application](#):

___ 3) [Officer Information Sheet/Election Report](#):

___ 4) [Bylaws](#):

___ 5) [Fee worksheet](#):

Enrollment: \$50.00 (onetime set up fee per new club)

Registration: See Chartering Fee schedule \$_____

Member Dues: See Prorated Dues schedule \$_____

Total sent to JOI at OI with Charter application and paperwork \$_____

___ 6) Elementary members pay **\$8** per year; and the Middle and High School members pay **\$10** per year in **the U.S. and Canada**. (Outside these countries the dues are in Tiers depending on the World Bank’s Economic designation, see charts.)

How does it work? The organizing Optimist Club or entity gets together with the school/organization’s principals and decide when the JOI Club can meet, how often they can meet, and where they can meet. All paperwork and fees are sent into JOI by the Sponsors and/or Advisors. Initial paperwork includes:

•Roster •Charter Application • Officer Information/Election Report •Bylaws

Membership cards sent to the Club by Optimist International to be filled out by the Sponsor Club, who also has the option to buy lapel pins that are given out to new Members each year (purchased/ordered through the OI Supply Co.)