

Youth Programs Education Advisor

Stipend Position | Hybrid | 8–9 Weeks (Summer 2026)

About the Opportunity

Optimist International is seeking a certified educator to support a dynamic network of youth programs—including Junior Optimist International (JOI), the Oratorical World Championships (OWC), and the Optimists Working for Learning Success (O.W.L.S.) initiative—designed to develop student leadership, public speaking skills, and meaningful connections between schools and communities.

This is an opportunity to extend your impact beyond the classroom while continuing to inspire and support students.

Position Overview

The Youth Programs Education Advisor will bring an educator’s perspective into youth programming, helping ensure that experiences are engaging, developmentally appropriate, and aligned with real-world students and school needs. This role blends student engagement, program support, and educational insight, with both remote collaboration and hands-on involvement during onsite program delivery.

Position Details

- Duration: 8–9 weeks (Summer 2026)
 - Work Structure: Hybrid
 - Required onsite presence in St. Louis during program delivery
 - Oratorical World Championships (July 15-17)
 - Junior Optimist International Summit (July 16-20)
 - Estimated Commitment: 30 hours per week (with exception of on-site events)
 - Location: St. Louis
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Compensation

- Stipend: \$5,000–\$8,000 for the full term
 - Reflects the full scope of work, including increased time and responsibility during onsite program delivery.
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Key Responsibilities

Youth Engagement & Program Delivery (JOI Summit & Oratorical World Championships)

- Support the delivery of youth leadership and public speaking programs
- Help create a structured, inclusive, and supportive environment
- Provide supervision and guidance to ensure a positive student experience
- Collaborate with staff and volunteers to support overall program success

Program Development & Educational Alignment

- Provide educator insight to strengthen program content and delivery
- Ensure activities align with current classroom practices and student needs
- Help connect leadership experiences to real-world and school-based learning
- Offer feedback to enhance engagement, accessibility, and overall impact

Optimists Working for Learning Success (O.W.L.S.)

- Support the development of school partnership resources for Optimist Clubs
- Help translate program ideas into practical, classroom-relevant tools
- Provide input on student support strategies, including mentorship and engagement
- Ensure materials are realistic, adaptable, and valuable for educators and communities

Qualifications

- Current or former K–12 educator
- Strong classroom management and youth engagement skills
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively in a hybrid environment
- Passion for youth leadership, education, and student development