

Junior Optimist International Personal Growth & Involvement Program

The Junior Optimist Personal Growth and Involvement (PGI) Program, like the Optimist International (adult) PGI Program, is designed to encourage active participation in both meetings and activities by Members; to increase the opportunities for developing personal and leadership skills while learning about Optimism as a philosophy of life; and to honor and recognize individual Members for their own growth, personal accomplishments and contributions to their Club. There are three levels of recognition (Bronze, Silver, and Gold) in the PGI Program with a separate program for each of the three different types of Clubs (Alpha, Junior, and Octagon). A Member may complete the level requirements simultaneously and in any order over the entire course of membership within a Club; thus the requirements may be completed over multiple years of Club membership. Each level of recognition is earned only once per type of Club and a Member's progress continues from one year to the next – you don't start over each year; you simply continue on from where you left off the year before – the exception, is when moving up to the next type of Club, in which case the requirements must be met while a Member at that level of Club, i.e. being an officer in a Junior Club does NOT meet the requirement for someone that is a Member of an Octagon Club – they must run/serve as an officer at the Octagon Club level.

ALPHA CLUBS

BRONZE LEVEL

1. Attend at least 6 Club meetings
2. Bring a guest to a Club meeting or activity
3. Participate in a Club project or activity

SILVER LEVEL

1. Attend 4 more Club meetings (total of 10)
2. Bring a guest to a Club meeting or activity who joins (sponsor a new Member)
3. Participate in 2 more Club projects or activities (total of 3 projects or activities)
4. Participate in a project or activity with another Optimist Club (junior or adult)

GOLD LEVEL

1. Attend 5 more Club meetings (total of 15)
2. Bring a 2nd guest to a Club meeting or activity who joins (sponsor a 2nd new Member)
3. Participate in 2 more Club projects or activities (total of 5)
4. Participate in a Childhood Cancer Campaign (CCC) project or event, a Junior Optimist International Reading project, Play Day, or a Souper Bowl of Caring Project or event
5. Renew membership in an Alpha Club or join a Junior Optimist Club

JUNIOR OPTIMIST CLUBS

BRONZE LEVEL

1. Attend at least 6 Club meetings
2. Bring a guest to a Club meeting or activity
3. Participate in 2 Club projects or activities
4. Participate in a project or activity with another Optimist Club (junior or adult)

SILVER LEVEL

1. Attend 4 more Club meetings (total of 10)
2. Bring a guest to a Club meeting or activity who joins (sponsor a new Member)
3. Participate in 2 more Club projects or activities (total of 3)

4. Participate in a Childhood Cancer Campaign (CCC) project or event, a Junior Optimist International Reading project, Play Day, or a Souper Bowl of Caring Project or event
5. Attend an adult Optimist Club meeting or event (not a joint project)

GOLD LEVEL

1. Attend 5 more Club meetings (total of 15)
2. Bring a 2nd guest to a Club meeting or activity who joins (sponsor a 2nd new Member)
3. Participate in 2 more Club projects or activities (total of 5)
4. Run/serve as a Club Officer or Board Member
5. Organize a Club project or activity
6. Attend a District Convention or District adult Conference/Convention
7. Renew membership in a Junior Optimist Club or join an Octagon Club

OCTAGON CLUBS

BRONZE LEVEL

1. Attend at least 6 Club meetings
2. Bring a guest to a Club meeting or activity who joins (sponsor a new Member)
3. Participate in 2 Club projects or activities
4. Participate in a project or activity with another Optimist Club (junior or adult)
5. Attend an adult Optimist Club meeting or event (not a joint project)

SILVER LEVEL

1. Attend 4 more Club meetings (total of 10 meetings)
2. Bring a 2nd guest to a Club meeting or activity who joins (sponsor a 2nd new Member)
3. Participate in 2 more Club projects or activities (total of 3)
4. Participate in a Childhood Cancer Campaign (CCC) project or event, a Junior Optimist International Reading project, Play Day, or a Souper Bowl of Caring Project or event
5. Run/serve as a Club Officer or Board Member
6. Organize a Club project or activity
7. Participate in a Junior Optimist presentation

GOLD LEVEL

1. Attend 5 more Club meetings (total of 15)
2. Participate in building a new Club or bring a 3rd and 4th guest to a Club meeting or activity who joins (sponsor a 3rd and 4th new Member)
3. Participate in 2 more Club projects or activities (total of 5)
4. Participate in a 2nd Childhood Cancer Campaign (CCC) project or event, a Junior Optimist International Reading project, Play Day, or a Souper Bowl of Caring Project or event
5. Organize a 2nd Club project or activity
6. Participate in a presentation to adults
7. Attend a District or International Convention
8. Attend an adult Zone Meeting or District Conference/Convention
9. Renew membership in an Octagon Club, join an adult Optimist Club or recruit a new Octagon Club Member (this would be the 3rd new Member, if you help build a new Club, or a 5th new Member)

All Members who reach bronze, silver, or gold level will receive a medallion and certificate from Optimist International and be recognized in *The Torch* and on their name badge at the Junior Optimist International Convention.

All Members who reach the gold level will also receive special recognition at the Junior Optimist International Convention.

Clubs and/or Districts may opt to present additional awards.