

HOW TO BE A JOI DISTRICT OFFICER

All candidates must submit an application that:

- Lists JOI or Optimist activities in which they participated
- Indicates why candidate should be elected
- Is signed by both the candidate and a parent or guardian

All elected officers are required to:

- Provide a picture and goals statement for use on the GATEway Optimist Web site
- Attend zoom Board Meetings as scheduled
- Vote as needed on matters before the Board
- Assist in the planning and promotion of the annual JOI District and International JOI Conventions as needed.

REWARDS FOR JOI DISTRICT SERVICE

All elected officers receive:

- Certificates indicating office held
- Nationally approved training in areas such as parliamentary procedure, leadership, team building, and public speaking – with completion certificates
- Leadership experience by working with other JOI clubs
- Experience in planning activities
- Participation in fun activities and service projects

Certificates and experience on a state level is good for inclusion with college applications.

THE OPTIMIST CREED

Promise yourself....

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

WHY BE A PART OF GATEway DISTRICT JOI ?



A District is made up of:



Alpha (ages 6-9),



Jr. Optimist (ages 10-13),

& Octagon (ages 14-19)
Clubs



DISTRICT OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

The officers of the GATEway JOI District are the Governor, Governor-Elect, the Lieutenant Governors, and the District Secretary / Treasurer. The purpose of the board is to promote interest in and coordinate the work of member clubs within the GATEway JOI District in line with the purposes of National JOI and the GATEway Optimist District

The **Governor** shall provide input to generally oversee and encourage JOI Club activities within the district, preside at all meetings of the District JOI Board, and perform such other duties as ordinarily incumbent upon a Governor.

The **Governor-Elect** shall perform such duties as are ordinarily incumbent upon a Governor Elect and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Governor.

Each **Lieutenant Governor** coordinates the activities of an assigned group of Clubs. Each Lieutenant Governor shall communicate with the Governor and attend JOI District Board meetings.

The **Secretary / Treasurer** records minutes of the District JOI Board meetings, processes all correspondence, and generally performs such duties as are incumbent upon a secretary. The GATEway Optimist District Secretary / Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining records of all funds.

BOARD MEMBER ADVANTAGES

As a JOI District Board Member, you will have the advantage of

- Interacting with other individuals who care enough to volunteer a portion of their time and effort, simply to help others in their community.
- Participating in the personal and professional growth program.
- Receive satisfaction in knowing that you have had a positive difference in the operation of the GATEway JOI District.



ON THE WEB

Find out more about GATEway JOI at www.gatewayoptimists.org or International JOI at www.optimist.org or search www.optimist.org › joi › joi1. Visit GATEway JOI on Facebook at GATEway JOI.

MONETARY REWARDS

District Board Members are eligible to apply for a \$500 grant to be used towards attending the International JOI Convention. Outstanding Governors are eligible to win a \$2,000 scholarship.

JOI CREED

I promise to:

Honor my parents and those to whom wisdom has come through years of experience,

Respect the beliefs of others, prize friendship and keep its sacred trusts,

Seek intellectual growth, physical development and avoid abuse of mind and body,

Be diligent and give each task the priority it merits,

Strive to be courteous at all times and truthful with everyone I meet,

Practice thrift and put material matters in proper perspective,

Respect all living things and help maintain the balance of life,

Work to preserve our form of government and the freedoms it guarantees.

I will value independence and develop self-reliance, setting high goals in life and dedicating myself to the service to others.

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