



2020-2021 Optimist International Essay Contest

TOPIC:

“Reaching your Dreams by Choosing Optimism”

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The Essay Contest is sponsored by Optimist International to give young people the opportunity to write about their own opinions regarding the world in which they live. The approach can encompass a young person’s personal experience, the experience of their country or a more historical perspective. In addition to developing skills for written expression, participants also have the opportunity to win a college scholarship.

The contest is open to students under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2020 and who have not yet completed secondary school or its equivalent. There is no minimum age. Essays must be typewritten and double-spaced and contain not less than 700 and no more than 800 words. Works of fiction or poetry are NOT eligible.

Contest rules and applications can be downloaded from www.optimist.org

DEADLINES:

**Winning essay and application package must be received in the next level
NO LATER THAN:**

Club to Zone: must be received by Lt Governor by January 31, 2021

Zone to District: must be received by Linda Brown by February 28, 2021

District to OI: must be received at OI by April 15, 2021