

Optimist International Presents:

THE OPTIMIST VISUAL ARTS COMPETITION!

Guidelines



1. The contest will be held at the Club level and International level.
2. The topic this year is **Be Bold-Be the Change**.
3. The project for the Visual Arts Competition shall be the creation of a set of twelve note cards and envelopes.
4. Artist must be **age eleven or lower as of October 1, 2025**, with two age divisions: up to 7 years of age and 8 - 11 years of age.
5. Winner at the club level will be awarded for each age division. Each first place winner will receive a **\$50 cash prize**. Second place winners will receive **\$25** and third place winners will receive **\$10**.
6. Artwork must be created on 11" wide x 8.5" high paper or construction paper.
7. Actual, physical artwork **must be submitted to: Twin City Area Optimist Club, P.O. Box 475, Festus, MO 63028 no later than Monday, February 9, 2026**.
8. Do not fold artwork, and be sure to protect the artwork by placing it between two pieces of thin card board before placing it inside of a large envelope. **Limit one entry per artist**.
9. Club winning first place drawings in both age divisions will be mailed to Optimist International (OI) for final judging.
10. There will be a monetary award for 13 OI winners, one for the image selected to go on the cover and one image selected for each notecard.
11. At the International level, **the 12 winners** will receive a **\$150** monetary award; **the winner of the cover** will receive an additional **\$100** monetary award.
12. The notecards with the winning drawings will be available for sale as early as June 28, 2026.

This exciting competition is designed to encourage and celebrate youth visual art skills and gives the youth we serve another outlet for their creativity!





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Optimist Visual Arts Contest (Club Level Entry Form)

Project: Notecards

Topic: Be Bold—Be the Change

NAME _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE _____

SCHOOL: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

PARENT'S PHONE: _____

PARENT'S EMAIL: _____

OPTIMIST CLUB: Twin City Area Optimist Club CLUB #: 30165

OPTIMIST CLUB CONTACT NAME: Patty Meyer

OPTIMIST CLUB CONTACT EMAIL: twincityoptimist@gmail.com

I certify that I created this painting or drawing. _____

(Student's Signature)

You have permission to print the picture and my child's name

(Parent's Signature)

Due date entries: **Monday, February 9, 2026**

Include above application with each submission.

Submit your painting or drawing and entry form to: **Twin City Area Optimist Club, P.O. Box 475, Festus, MO 63028**