



Twin City Area Optimist Club

P.O. Box 475 ♦ Festus, Missouri 63028

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 there is something in them.

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

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

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

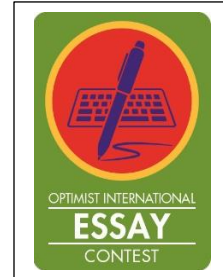
To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

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.

October 16, 2021



Dear Jefferson County Educator:

This letter is to make you aware of a great opportunity for the students in your school. All southern Jefferson County high school students, under age 19 as of October 1, 2021, are invited to enter the upcoming **2021-2022 Optimist International Essay Contest**. This year the Twin City Optimist Club is offering cash prizes - \$500 for 1st Place, \$250 for 2nd Place and \$125 for 3rd Place. The winning essay will then be submitted to the district level competition. The winner of the district level competition will be awarded a \$2,500 college scholarship. All essays must be postmarked by January 31st, 2022. The essay topic is "How Does an Optimistic Mindset Change My Tomorrow?".

One of our goals is to increase the number of essays submitted from southern Jefferson County schools. Any encouragement you can give your students and teachers to participate will be greatly appreciated. Enclosed are the specifics of the contest. Participants should pay special attention to the **contest rules, scoring and penalties** included in sections III, V and VI of the application.

If you should have any questions, please contact Geralyn Cash at cash57@att.net.

Entries should be mailed to: Twin City Optimist Club
Attn: Geralyn Cash
P.O. Box 475
Festus, MO 63028

Thank you for your dedication to your students and taking the time to support them as they participate in this great opportunity.

Sincerely,

Geralyn Cash
Essay Contest Chairperson

Enclosure

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