



# Twin City Area Optimist Club

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October 16, 2020

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, 2020, are invited to enter the upcoming **2020-2021 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, 2021. The essay topic is "Reaching your Dreams by Choosing Optimism".

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](mailto:cash57@att.net)  
Entries should be mailed to: Twin City Area Optimist Club  
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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