



# Twin City Area Optimist Club

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## "How Optimism Has Guided Me Through Trying Times"

November 21, 2024

The Twin City Area Optimist Club serves the youth of Southern Jefferson County with the following mission statement: "By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves."

Beginning in 1928, the Oratorical Contest has become the longest-running program of Optimist International. The contest is designed for young people to gain experience in public speaking and provide them with an opportunity to compete for multiple college scholarships with a pre-assigned topic.

<u>Twin City Area Club</u> <u>Level Reward</u>	<u>East Missouri District</u> <u>Level</u>	<u>World Regional</u> <u>Level</u>	<u>World Championship</u> <u>Level</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Place*: \$500	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: \$2,500	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: \$5,000	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: \$15,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place*: \$350	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: \$1,500	& will move on to the World Championship	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: \$10,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: \$200	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: \$1,000		3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: \$5,000

\* The top two will advance to the zone level to compete to advance to the District competition.

- Students nineteen (19) and under as of October 1, 2024, and who have not yet completed high school or its equivalent are eligible to compete. There is no minimum age.
- The contest will be held on March 22, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at Crystal City High School. More information will be forwarded to the applicants.
- The club must receive the application no later than **February 28, 2025**.

Enclosed are contest applications and a scholarship flyer to share with interested students. Please feel free to make additional copies.

Thank you for promoting this contest to benefit the youth of our area.

Sincerely,

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