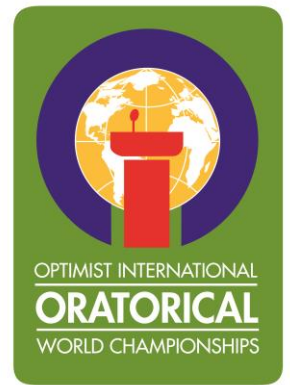# Bay City Noon Optimist Club
www.baycitynoonoptimist.org

January 2021

Dear Friend of Youth:

The Bay City Noon Optimist Club is seeking candidates from your school for the annual Optimist International Oratorical Contest. The contest gives students the chance to speak to the world through a platform designed to give young people valuable experience in public speaking and an opportunity to win a college scholarship. More than $150,000 in college scholarships funded by the Optimist International Foundations is awarded annually from this program.

The topic this year is "**Healing The World With Optimism**" Students who are under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2020 and not enrolled as a degree seeking student of a post-secondary institution are eligible to participate - there is no minimum age requirement. The top three students in our local contest will receive a scholarship ($500, $250 & $100 respectively) along with a medallion and a lunch in their honor at a club meeting. The top student of the local contest will be sponsored by our club as they compete for the opportunity to advance to the World Grand prize of a $22,500 scholarship.

Our club contest will select a student for the regional competition to be held in the spring, usually April. The local competition is scheduled for:

DATE:	**Wednesday, March 24, 2021**	
PLACE:	**Bay Arenac ISD Career Center**	
	4155 Monitor Road, Bay City	
TIME:	**Registration**	**6:00 pm**
	Contest	**6:30 pm**
FEES:	**FREE** to contestants and family, teachers, advisors	

The completed/signed official contest registration form and proof of birth date must be submitted to the contest chairperson by March 17, 2021. A printed copy of the speech is required on or before the evening of the speeches. The rules and registration are available at: www.optimist.org

Feel free to contact me with questions by phone or e-mail (below). I will return your inquiry usually within a day. We look forward to an enjoyable evening.

Respectfully,

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