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Optimist International Oratorical Contest  
Presented by **The Sunrise Optimist Club of Freehold**

This contest is open to students under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2023. There is no minimum age and no grade level requirement prior to college level.

**Due to an early Easter-Contest Date Change**

Submit your 4-5 minute double spaced speech, application on **“How To Change The World With Optimism”** and a copy of your birth certificate or passport, to the Sunrise Optimist Club Oratorical Contest Chairperson Bill Woodard ([wwood2105@aol.com](mailto:wwood2105@aol.com)) by March 25, 2024. The contest will be held on Saturday, April 6th from 9 AM to 12 Noon at the CentraState Medical Center conference center room C.

Participants will be evaluated based on the following:

- Strict adherence to the time allowed
- Poise
- Content of speech
- Delivery and presentation of speech
- Overall effectiveness
- Level of professionalism

1<sup>st</sup> place winner receives a \$1,000 scholarship and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winner will receive a \$500 scholarship and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winners will compete in the District contest for, 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$2,500, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$1,500 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$1,000. The winners from the eight other Optimist districts will compete for a chance to win a \$5,000 scholarship. The winner of the Regional competition will advance to the International level and compete for \$15,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000 in World Championship Scholarships.

Applications and a complete set of rules are available at:  
[www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org) or [www.sunriseoptimistcluboffreehold.com](http://www.sunriseoptimistcluboffreehold.com)  
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[Potential Total Scholarships of \\$23,500.00 for First Place Winner](#)

Any questions: Contact Bill Woodard (732-446-9782) or [wwood2105@aol.com](mailto:wwood2105@aol.com)