



**WIN \$500**

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, 2024. There is no minimum age and no grade level requirement prior to college level.

Submit your 4-5 minute double spaced speech, application on **“How Optimism Has Guided Me Through Trying Times”** 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, 2025. The contest will be held on Saturday, April 5th from 9 AM to 12 Noon at the CentraState Health Awareness Center room 4.

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 \$500 scholarship and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winner will receive a \$250 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 \\$23,000.00 for First Place Winner](#)

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