OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
YOUTH CONTESTS 2020-2021

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
ORATORICAL
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Topic
"Healing the World with Optimism"

ORATORICAL CONTEST

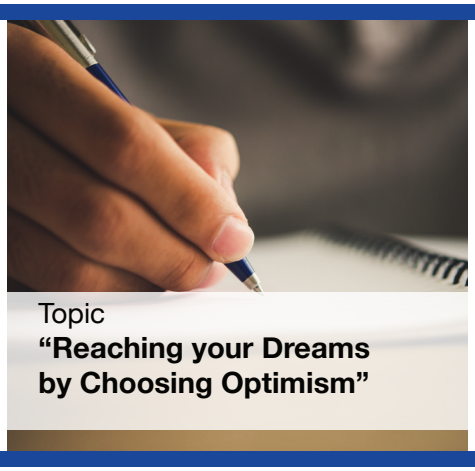
Beginning in 1928, the Oratorical Contest has become the longest-running program of Optimist International. The contest is designed for young people to gain experience in public speaking and provide them with an opportunity to compete for multiple college scholarships with a pre-assigned topic.

District Scholarships:
First Place: $2,500 • Second Place: $1,500 • Third Place: $1,000
with a chance to win up to $22,500 at the World Championships level

ESSAY CONTEST

The Essay Contest is sponsored by Optimist International to give young people the opportunity to write about their own opinions regarding the world in which they live. The approach can encompass a young person's personal experience, the experience of their country or a more historical perspective. In addition to developing skills for written expression, participants also have the opportunity to win a college scholarship!

One District Scholarship of $2,500



Topic
"Reaching your Dreams by Choosing Optimism"

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COMMUNICATION
CONTEST
FOR THE DEAF & HARD OF HEARING

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COMMUNICATION CONTEST FOR THE DEAF & HARD OF HEARING

This contest offers an opportunity for students who are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing to present their thoughts in the community, gaining skills, which can only come from signing or speaking to a large audience. Patterned after the Optimist Oratorical Contest, the contest offers youth the chance to compete in speech or sign language with the chance to win a college scholarship.

One District Scholarship of $2,500

KIDS SPEAK OUT! SPEECH CONTEST

All young people can compete in the Optimist Oratorical Contest. The "Kids Speak Out" contest is a "pre-Oratorical" program that provides a more equitable competition for younger speakers.

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SPEAK OUT!

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