



## **East Missouri Optimist District Awards & Achievements**

### **2024 – 2025 (A&A) Point Details and General Rules**

#### **Bring Out the Best in Youth**

Sponsor a New Youth Club (per Club)	200pts
Appoint & Register JOI Advisor/Chair (per person)	10pts
Adult Club Performs Joint Activity w/ JOI Club (per event)	75pts
Complete O.I. Essay Contest	150pts
Complete O.I. Oratorical Contest	150pts
Complete O.I. Communication Contest for Deaf & Hard of Hearing	150pts
Conduct Youth Appreciation Event	50pts
Sponsor Player (ea.) and/or Event \$ to EMO Jr Golf Tournament	250pts
Host a Service Event or project Focused on Youth	75pts
Provide Monetary Assistance for Youth Program	
\$10 - \$50	10pts
\$51 - \$200	25pts
\$201 - \$350	50pts
\$351 - \$500	75pts
\$501 +	100pts

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**Bring Out the Best in Community**

Receive Community Project Award (per Project)	50pts
Host a Service Event Focused on Community (per event)	75pts
Club Fundraising - total amount raised per quarter (may include fundraising events, sponsorships, non-OIF grants, donations, etc.):	
\$100 - \$200	10pts
\$201 - \$300	25pts
\$301 - \$400	50pts
\$401 - \$500	75pts
\$501 and up	100pts
Conduct a Respect for Law Event (per event)	50pts
Joint Project w/ Other Community Non-Profit (per event)	100pts
Conduct Joint Recruitment Event w/ Another Club (ea. Club, per event)	50pts
Attend Lions, Kiwanis, or Rotary Meeting as a representative of your Optimist Club (per member, per meeting)	25pts
Formally Recognize a Non-Optimist Community Member (Excludes Law Appreciation/ per Community Member)	50pts

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**Bring Out the Best in Ourselves**

Club Officer Attends Zone, District, or International Meeting (Per Officer/Per Meeting; Officers include President, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Foundation Rep)	50pts
Club Member Attends Zone, District, or International Meeting (Per member/per meeting)	25pts
Club Member First Time Attending s EMO Conference	50pts
Club Member Attending All EMO District Conferences within the same Optimist Year	100pts
Ea Club Member Attending 2024 – 2025 OI Convention Union Station	50pts

<b>Club Officer-Elects Complete their Specified Optimist Institute</b>	
(Per Officer-Elect; Officer Elects include Pres-Elect, Sec-Elect, Treas-Elect, Club Foundation Rep- Elect)	50pts
Club Member completes Optimist Institute or attends Optimist International training webinar (Per member/ per course)	25pts
Member Completes new Professional Development Program (PDP) or Personal Growth and Involvement Program (PGI)	
Level (Per member / Per new level)	25pts
Member Completes Self-Improvement Training (School Degree, Work Related Certification/ License etc.) (Per member / Per Completed Training)	
Three submissions per Club per quarter	50pts
Member attends an Optimist Club Meeting other than Home Club (Per member/ per meeting)	10pts
Club Makes Monetary Donation to Optimist International Foundation (O.I.F.)	
\$50 - \$100	10pts
\$101 - \$200	25pts
\$201 - \$350	50pts
\$351 - \$500	75pts
\$501 +	100pts
Club Applies for OIF Childhood Health & Wellness Grant	
**Approval of Grant Not Necessary (per request)	50pts
<b>Add New Club Member (per new member)</b>	<b>100pts</b>
New Club member participates in a Club project, event, or serves on a committee within 60 days of joining:	100pts
Join EMO Facebook group 10pts for each Club Member that joins	10pts
Create & Post Social Media Video Promoting Club Event or Optimism as a Philosophy of Life (min 30sec/max 3min) (per video)	
<u>** Must share video w/EMO Social Media Chair</u>	<u>50pts</u>

*\*pts based on 1 entry for each line item. Line items may be repeated for different events or more members earning same line items.*

**Quarterly Qualifiers (Needed to Collect Points) Governor Elect will be responsible for verifying eligibility. \*dates subject to change per Optimist International deadlines\***

1<sup>st</sup> - Club Verifies Club Officer Contact information with A&A Administrator at [emo.aa.ad@gmail.com](mailto:emo.aa.ad@gmail.com) by Dec 31st

2<sup>nd</sup> - Club Officers (Current) Complete their specified Optimist Institute course by Mar 31st

\*\*\*If they do this as Officer-elects, they will qualify for this during their "in office" year.

3<sup>rd</sup> - Club Officer-Elect Report submitted by May 20<sup>th</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> - Club Pride Report submitted by Sep 30<sup>th</sup>

**NOTE: There will be a 10-day grace period each quarter to allow members/clubs to report end of quarter projects/activities. For Optimist Year 2024-2025 the deadlines will be January 10, 2025, April 10, 2025 July 10, 2025, and October 10, 2025. No reports will be accepted after these dates.**

**General Rules**

1. Events cannot be used multiple times to collect points for different line items. 1 Event = 1 Line item for points collected. NO DOUBLE DIPPING!!
2. Club must be "In good standing" as described by Optimist International Bylaws to receive ANY District Award or Recognition (points can still be gained and accumulated)
3. All club/individual activities must be reported within the quarter they occur.
4. Each Quarter, Clubs must complete a qualifier to receive points. Each Quarter's qualifier is different and coordinates with Optimist-related items. (No points are given for the qualifier being completed, however, NO points earned in that quarter will be counted if the qualifier is not completed)
5. Clubs will be recognized for their A&A accomplishments in the following manner:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter points recognized at 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Meeting
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter points recognized at 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Meeting
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter points recognized at 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Convention
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter points & Total Yearly points at 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Meeting
6. Clubs will be recognized that earn the following points:

Bronze Level = 250 – 499pts (per Qtr)

Silver Level = 500 – 749pts (per Qtr)

Gold Level = 750 – 999pts (per Qtr)

Platinum Level = 1000+pts (per Qtr)  
Bronze Level = 1000 – 1999pts (per Year)  
Silver Level = 2000 – 2999pts (per Year)  
Gold Level = 3000 – 3999pts (per Year)  
Platinum Level = 4000+pts (per Year)

7. Members will receive a ribbon to wear on their name badge at the Quarterly Conferences/ Convention that corresponds to the level reached by their Club each quarter. \*Members must be present at the quarterly meeting to receive a ribbon.
8. Clubs will earn District Dollars to purchase items from the Optimist International Supply Table at district conferences.  
District Dollars will be awarded as follows:  
Bronze Level - \$10.00  
Silver Level- \$15.00  
Gold Level-\$20.00  
Platinum Level- \$25.00  
Clubs earning District Dollars must use them when awarded and cannot accumulate District Dollars. The only exception is when a conference is held virtually; in this case, the District Dollars may be used at the next in-person conference.
9. The Clubs receiving the Top 3 Yearly Total Amounts will be asked to create a presentation no longer than 5 minutes to be delivered/shown at the 1st Quarter Conference. After all 3 presentations have been seen at the Governor's discretion, the Club with the most total yearly points will be awarded a Club Banner Patch . (It will be the responsibility of the Awards & Achievements Committee (of the award year) to design, order, and obtain the Banner Patch to be presented at the 1st Quarter Conference following their administrative year.
10. After completion of online A&A Google form the sender will receive an email acknowledgement confirming receipt of the report from [emo.aa.ad@gmail.com](mailto:emo.aa.ad@gmail.com) Upon review, the A&A Administrator will send email to accept or decline the report. Should the report be declined, the reason will be stated.
11. The Awards & Achievements Committee in coordination with the Governor-Elect will review this program each year. They will make recommendations to the East Missouri Board of Directors at the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Convention to be implemented starting October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. (While Board Approval is not necessary per the policies of the East Missouri District, it is recommended that changes receive this approval for transparency & member engagement)
12. **OPTIONAL Bonus points:** At the end of each submission form you can upload 1 photo for an additional 10 points. Once a Zone has acquired a minimum of 40 photos, the zone will be gifted a keepsake photo book that will be kept and used by the EMO district at each conference (additional Photo books can be purchased). These photos will be saved for use on our website, social material, and conferences.