

Optimist International Essay Contest 2022-23

Topic for this school year is: **"Who is an Everyday Hero that Brings Out the Optimism in You?"**

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!

Eligibility: Youth under the age of 19 as of October 1 of the current Optimist International contest year (October 1 – September 30) and who have not yet completed secondary school or its equivalent. There is no minimum age.

Interested students must contact the Frederick Optimist Club. The club chairman is Jim Hubbard (240-578-4961) or jandshubbard@comcast.net.

When: All Club-level contests are completed by mid-February. Student submissions will not be accepted after the Club-level contests have closed.

Clubs and Districts

The deadline for Clubs to submit their winning essay to the District Chair is February 28, 2023. The deadline for Districts to submit their winner's information to Optimist International is April 15, 2023. Club winners advance to the District contest to compete for a \$2,500 college scholarship. The District-level scholarships are funded by the Optimist International Foundations.

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