



Optimist Club of Birmingham
376 Killough Circle
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Dear Principals, Teachers and Counselors:

Attached is a group of documents that announce the three Optimist Scholarship Contests sponsored by the Optimist Club of Birmingham for 2022. We hope you will be able to interest your students in these contests. The Essay and Oratorical Contests are open to any youth under the age of 19 as of October 1st, 2021, and who is not enrolled as a degree seeking student of a post-secondary institution. The CCDHH is open to young people through grade 12. There is no minimum age. Cash prizes will be awarded to contest winners.

Essay Contest: Please mail the attached Entry Form and the Essay to: **Sharon Wilson, 244 Westwood Drive, Birmingham, AL 35215** or email to 4wilson4@bellsouth.net by **February 4, 2022**. The top 3 essay winners will be invited to present their essays at the Club Meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at a location to be announced. Contestants should be prepared to present a copy of their birth certificate if they are announced as the Club Contest winner.

Oratorical Contest: The contest is limited to the first twenty (20) entries received. Please urge your students to submit the attached Entry form to **Ruby Peterson, 376 Killough Circle, Birmingham, AL 35215**, or e-mail to rbyptrsn@yahoo.com as soon as possible, but no later than **March 4, 2022**. Each contestant should bring an extra copy of their Speech, and a copy of their birth certificate to show to the contest chair. The contest will be held at **10:00 a.m.** on **Saturday, March 12, 2022** at a location to be announced.

Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: You may not be aware of any hearing impaired students since so many of them have been "mainstreamed," but you may indeed have some. This is their chance to shine also. Please urge your students to submit the attached Entry form to **Roger Vaughan, 4201 Clairmont Ave., Birmingham, AL 35222**, or email to rogercvaughan@gmail.com no later than **March 31, 2022**. Each contestant should bring their audiogram, an extra copy of their Speech, and a copy of their birth certificate to show to the contest chair. The Contest will be held on **Thursday, April 7, 2022, 1:00 p.m.** at a location to be announced.

An overview of the contests and the rules and entry form for each contest are attached. Students are eligible to participate in both the Essay and Oratorical or CCDHH Contests. Please call me if you have any questions. We look forward to your participation.

Yours in Optimism,

Ruby Z. Peterson
Scholarship Contest Chair
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