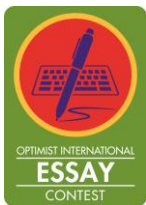


Optimist International Scholarship Contests 2018-2019

Essay Contest



Topic

“When All the World’s Problems are Solved, is Optimism Still Necessary?”

Compose a 700 to 800 word essay around this central idea.

Open to youth under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2018 (and who is not enrolled as a degree seeking student of a post-secondary institution.)

Entry Due to Club by February 1, 2019
Top 3 Club Winners to Present Essays on
Thursday, February 28, 2019

Contact the Optimist Club of Birmingham:
Kimberly Oden-Webster
P.O. Box 1396
Leeds, AL 35094
Krodenwebster@gmail.com

One District Scholarship of \$2,500

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Oratorical Contest



Topic

“Is There a Fine Line Between Optimism and Reality?”

Speech time allowed will be not under 4 minutes or over 5 minutes

Open to youth under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2018 (and who is not enrolled as a degree seeking student of a post-secondary institution.)

Entry Due to Club by Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019
Club Contest Date Saturday, March 2, 2019
Zone & Region Contest Dates TBD
District Contest April 27, 2019 – Pearl, MS

Contact the Optimist Club of Birmingham:
Ruby Peterson
376 Killough Circle
Birmingham, AL 35215
205-854-1503 or rbyptrsn@yahoo.com

District Scholarships:

1st Place: \$2,500,
2nd Place: \$1,500, 3rd Place: \$1,000,
with a chance to win up to \$22,500 at the
World Championships level

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Topic

“Is There a Fine Line Between Optimism and Reality?”

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Open to participants through Grade 12
Entry Due to Club by Tuesday, April 9, 2019
Club Contest Date Thursday, April 11, 2019
District Contest Date April 27, 2019 - Pearl, MS

Contact the Optimist Club of Birmingham:
Roger Vaughan
4201 Clairmont Ave.
Birmingham, AL 35222
205-602-9242 or roger_vaughan@msn.com

Students must be certified to have uncorrected hearing loss of 40 decibels or more, which must be supported by an audiogram to be eligible to compete.

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