

Speak Your Way to Success: Unlock Scholarships with Your Voice!



2024 Optimist Oratorical Topic:

"HOW TO CHANGE THE WORLD WITH OPTIMISM"



PURPOSE

Since its start in 1928, the Optimist Oratorical Contest has become the longest-running program sponsored by Optimist International. The contest is designed for youth to gain experience in public speaking, and provide them with the opportunity to compete for a college scholarship.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested students should prepare a 4- to 5-minute speech on the assigned topic to be presented at their local Optimist Club's contest. The speeches are judged at the Club level, Zone level, Regional level (if needed), and then at the District level. Students need to submit an application and speech in writing prior to the event.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The contest is open to students under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2023

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CLUB COMPETITION

Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:00pm

Menomonee Falls Community Center
W152 N8645 Margaret Rd,
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

ZONE COMPETITION

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:00pm

Menomonee Falls Community Center
W152 N8645 Margaret Rd,
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

DISTRICT COMPETITION

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Hilton Garden Inn NW
11600 W Park Pl
Milwaukee, WI 53224

REGIONAL COMPETITION

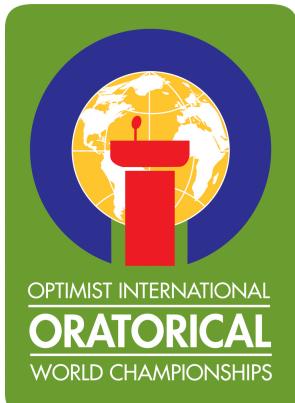
July 18-19, 2024

Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri
The Regional Scholarship award is \$5,000

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

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Each Regional Winner will compete in the World Championship Contest for a chance to win a first, second, or third place scholarship of \$15,000, \$10,000, or \$5,000 respectively!



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