

The Optimists International Essay Contest gives young people the opportunity to write 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 additional to developing skills for written expression, participants also have the opportunity to win prizes at their club level competition and if they advance to the district competition, an opportunity to win a \$2500 college scholarship funded by Optimist International Foundation!

Club contests take place in January and February. This year's topic: "Optimism: How It Connects Us"

This competition is for students 19 years old and under as of October 1, 2021. Students must still be in high school and not enrolled in a post graduate degreed program.

For more information on how to get started in a club level Optimist International Essay Contest contact:

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