

**Club members, Jr. Optimist leaders and District Officers are bcc'd this note.**

# **Farmington/Farmington Hills Sunnyside Newsletter**

## **Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club**

***"We provide hope and a positive vision, as we bring out the best in our youth, our communities, and ourselves."***

### **Last Club Meeting of 2022 at NFHS at 8:00 AM**

We are going to be serenaded by the North Farmington High School Choir this Wednesday! The starting time is moved to 8:00am so we won't get caught in the incoming traffic at 7:30am. Park in front and come in the front door. Tell them you are coming to the Optimist meeting and get directions.

### **New Member Orientation Wednesday, Dec. 14**

Here is your chance to invite a friend or acquaintance to join our dynamic club. Attached is the Orientation Flyer. Let Tom Neal know who you are inviting and their email so he can give them a reminder. You are welcome to join the zoom and share your reason for joining.

### **Optimist Institute Your Free Benefit**

Learn more about Optimism, leadership and other topics by going to link: <https://optimist.org/member/optimist-institute.cfm>

### **Give a Gift to O. I. Foundation (a 501 C (3) organization)**

The Foundation helps kids by seeking, receiving and managing funds and real personal property for the benefit of Optimist International and its Member Clubs in its charitable, literary and educational activities. **So far, donations have been made by Tom & Cathy Neal and Jim & Susan Walker.** You can donate by contributing in the Dime-A-Day program using this link: <https://oifoundation.org/us-canada-donate.html>

## **Essay Contest Deadline: Friday, January 13, 2022**

This is open to students in 6, 7 & 8th grades and 9 - 12th grades. All students who enter must either go to school or live within the Farmington/Farmington Hills boundaries. Winners will receive a medal and a cash prize for the top 3 in 6<sup>th</sup> - 8th grades and for the top 3 in 9th - 12th grades. First place - \$250, 2nd place - \$200, 3rd place - \$150. All contestants at each level must show proof of age either with a copy of a birth certificate or passport. Winning students and their families are invited to a breakfast on Wednesday, February 8th at 7:30 am to be given their awards.

## **Salvation Army Bell Ringing – Saturday, Dec. 10**

Thanks to Optimists: Roxanne Fitzpatrick, Lisa Bracher, Terry Tipton and Phyllis Pheeny plus a number of Jr. Optimists for ringing the bells!



**Nicole says we are "SUCCEEDING WITH OPTIMISM"**

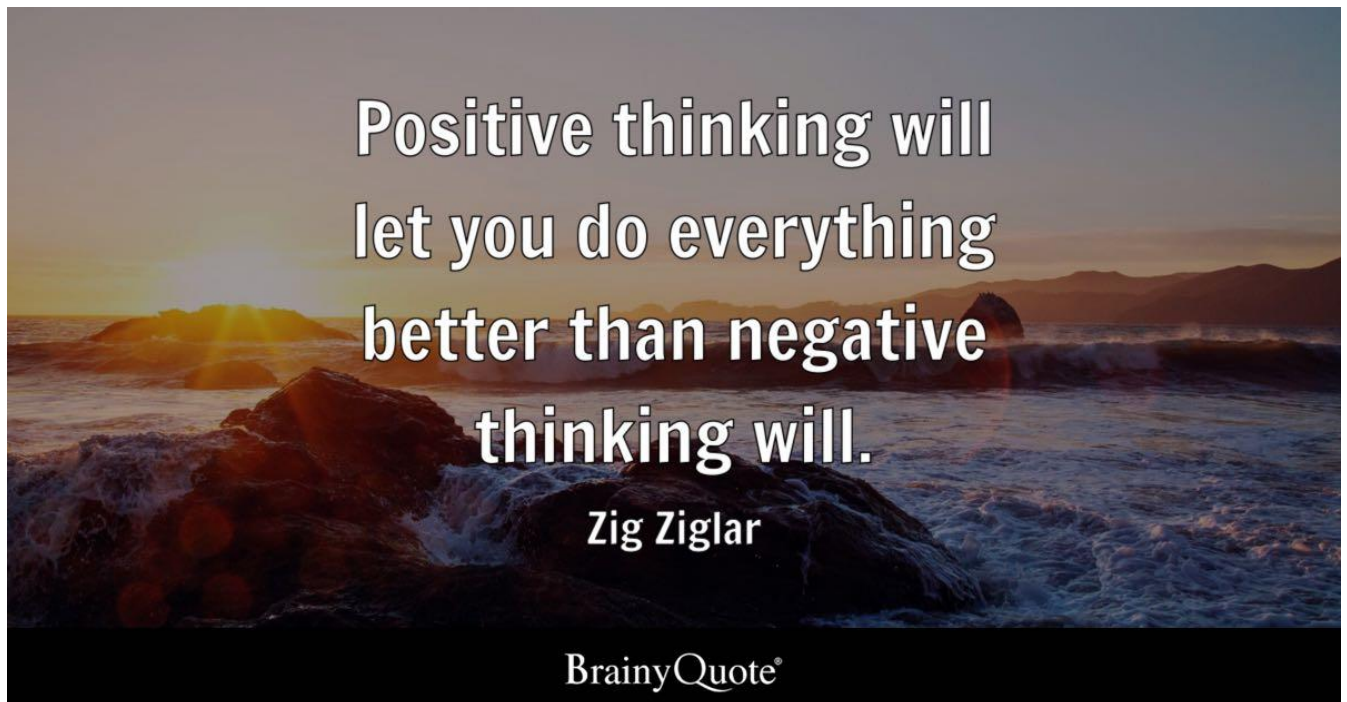
**Attachments:**

Newsletter PDF

New Member Orientation PDF

2022-2023 Essay Application PDF

Essay Contest Flyer 2022-2023



# Application for 2022-2023 Optimist International Essay Scholarship Competition

PRINT Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age on Oct 1, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_

Did you enter any other Optimist Club's Essay Contest this school year?  Yes  No

## Contestant Agreement:

*I have studied the rules of the contest, and I will be bound by all the requirements.*

Contestant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## Parent or Guardian Permission:

*I, \_\_\_\_\_, grant the Optimist Club/International my permission to use a picture or video of my son/daughter, for their public relations purposes. Optimist Club/International may use the photo or video in any publication they see fit.*

*I give my permission for my child/ward to participate in this scholarship contest.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Optimist Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Optimist Club Number \_\_\_\_\_

Language:  English, or if District language is different:  French or  Spanish

## Official Topic: Who is an Everyday Hero that Brings Out the Optimism in You?

Each contestant must be given this copy of the rules and complete the entry form, above.

### Section I - General Rules

1. The Optimist International Essay Contest is divided into two levels of competition: Club (preliminary contest) and District (scholarship competition). The winner of a local club contest advances to the District Scholarship Competition.
2. Contestants must enter through a local Optimist Club.
3. Contestants must compose an original essay with limited guidance from others. Webster's Dictionary defines an essay as an analytic or interpretive literary composition. Works of fiction or poetry will not be accepted.
4. All District-level contests must have a minimum of three (3) contestants participating.
5. Optimist International will have the right to edit, publish or otherwise duplicate any essay entered into the contest without payment to the author.

### Section II - Qualifications for Contestants

1. The contest is open to contestants under the age of **19** as of October 1st of the current Optimist International contest year (October 1 – September 30) **and who have not yet completed secondary school or its equivalent, including CEGEP students in Québec, Canada.** There is no minimum age. Contestants must enter in the District in which they reside. United States contestants attending school on a military installation outside the U.S. are eligible to enter in their last home of record. Contestants residing in non-Districted areas where there are no Optimist Clubs are not eligible for competition.
2. Contestants are eligible for only one Club's essay contest during any given year. (October 1st - September 30th)
3. No individual having previously won a District Essay scholarship will be eligible to compete at any level of the competition again.
4. All contestants at each level of the contest must provide proof of age and identification in the form of a copy of either their birth certificate or passport before participating. A copy of the Club winner's document will be submitted to the District contest.

### Section III - Contest Rules

1. Participants must write on the official contest topic for the current year.
2. Each entry must begin with a title page containing topic, number of words, writer's name, address, phone number, name of school and date of birth.
3. The official topic should be at the top of title page and at the top of page 1 (penalty of 3 points)
4. Essays must be typed, double-spaced and single-sided. (Deduction of 5 points for each infraction)
5. Essays must contain at least 700 words but no more than 800 words. Every word of the essay is counted. This does not include the title, bibliography, or footnotes. Hyphenated words count as 1 word. (Deduction of 5 points for each 25 words over/under limit – French Essays will allow 50 words over/under for the deduction). Words are to be counted manually.
6. Each page of the essay must be numbered starting with page 1, not the title page. The numbers must be centered at the bottom of each page.

7. Any quotations or copyrighted material used in the essay must be identified properly, using a recognized citation format. For example, use of a specific writer's format (such as MLA, APA, Chicago style). Failure to identify non-original material will result in disqualification.
8. No reference can be made in the essay that identifies the contestant, parents, school, community, sponsoring Optimist Club or District. (Deduction of 5 points or fraction based on degree of identification)
9. An essay should be written in English, or it may be written in either French or Spanish if the language used is accepted by the District of entry.
10. The entry must be stapled together in the upper left-hand corner. Covers of any type are not accepted.

#### **Section IV – Judging**

1. Judging will be completed by a panel of three qualified judges who are not acquainted with the contestants. At the Club level, judges may be Optimist Members. At the District level, judges must be non-Optimists. (Friends of Optimists are excluded and can be used as judges).
2. In an effort to conceal the identity of each contestant, each entry will be anonymized and assigned a number by the Essay Contest Chair. The assigned number will be placed on the title page and page 1 of the essay. The title page will then be detached and retained by the Essay Contest Chair. The judges will be given the essays bearing only the assigned numbers.
3. Judges will not discuss or compare the essays being judged.
4. Only judges can assign a penalty or award points.

#### **Section V – Scoring of Contest**

1. Scoring procedures at all levels of the contest will be identical.
2. Material Organization (Logical interpretation of the subject, adherence to topic): 30 points
3. Creativity: 15 points
4. Vocabulary and Style (Phrasing and continuity): 30 points

5. Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling: 20 points
6. Adherence to contest rules (prepared in a proper format): 5 points

#### **Section VI – Penalties**

1. Failure to list official topic on the title page and at the top of page 1 of the essay: 3 points
2. Failure to identify total number of words: 5 points
3. Failure to type essay, doubled-spaced and single-sided: 5 pts. per infraction (15 pt. max)
4. Failure to stay within the 700-800 words: 5 points for each 25 words over/under limit. French Essays will allow 50 words over/under for the deduction. Words are to be counted manually.
5. Self-identification: 5 points or fraction based on degree.

#### **Section VII - Awards**

1. Club level – official medallion and/or certificate
2. Clubs are allowed to give monetary awards of up to \$500 per winner for the Essay contest in addition to the official medallions. The Club level awards may be given in the form of a scholarship, savings bond or cash prize but are completely discretionary.
3. District level - plaque and a \$2,500 college scholarship for the first-place winner.
  - A. Scholarships are paid through the Optimist International Foundations in the United States and Caribbean and the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation in Canada.
  - B. Scholarships awarded are for use only at a college, university, or trade school.
  - C. All scholarships will be payable only to the educational institution of the recipient's choice, subject to the approval of Optimist International.
  - D. All scholarships will be administered by Optimist International.
  - E. Winners of an Optimist International scholarship must claim their scholarship by the age of 25.

The contest chairperson will decide all protests in accordance with the official rules. The District Chair is the final authority, and no appeals will be recognized.



#### **HOW TO ENTER:**

Students are to enter through a local Optimist Club in their area. Most local clubs run their Essay contest from October to the end of January. Judging at the local level is completed in February. Late entries are not accepted.

Once submitted, essays may not be returned. Standings are not reported to applicants. The sponsoring club will contact the winners.

Name of local Club:

\_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

How to contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

In-person to:

\_\_\_\_\_

Special Instructions, if any:



## The Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

### **LESLIE REBTOY OPTIMIST ESSAY CONTEST**

#### Optimist Essay Contest for 2022 - 2023

**Use your writing skills to express your views to the world around you and for a chance to win a college scholarship.**

**WHO CAN ENTER?** Students in 6, 7 & 8th grades and 9 - 12th grades. (2 contests)  
All students who enter must either go to school in or live within the Farmington/Farmington Hills boundaries.

**TOPIC: "Who is an Everyday Hero that Brings out the Optimism in You?"**

**PRIZES:** First place - \$250, 2nd place - \$200, 3rd place - \$150. All contestants at each level must show proof of age either with a copy of a birth certificate or passport.  
The high school winner's essay will advance to the state-wide District level in the Spring, where the overall winner receives a \$2,500 scholarship.

**ESSAY REQUIREMENT:** 700-800 Words

**WHEN: Submission Date - Friday January 13, 2023**

**AWARD BREAKFAST CEREMONY:** Winning students and their families are invited to a breakfast on **February 8, 2023** at 7:30 am to be given their awards at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO INCLUDE:**

- Completed application
- Proof of age (copy of birth certificate, passport, or drivers license)
- Essay

**Mail/Email Completed application, proof of age and essay to:**

Costick Center, City of Farmington Hills, 28600 Eleven Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48336

Attn: Anna Durham OR Email above to Adurham@fhgov.com

#### **TO GET AN APPLICATION AND MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING THE RULES GO TO:**

Optimist Club website at: <https://www.f2hoptimists.org> and search under Optimists - Events/Programs.

**Or**

Call Anna Durham at 248-892-2919 or email: adurham@fhgov.com

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