

# 2022-2023 Oratorical Contest

## Optimist International Oratorical Contest

Topic for the 2022-2023 school year is: **“Discovering Optimism within Me”**

**Who:** Youth under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2022 (and is not enrolled as a degree seeking student of a post-secondary institution) in the United States, Canada or the Caribbean. There is no minimum age.

**How To Enter:** Interested students submit a speech on the pre-assigned topic to the Frederick, Maryland Optimist Club. The contact in the Frederick Optimist Club is **Jim Hubbard** (240-578-4961) or [jandshubbard@comcast.net](mailto:jandshubbard@comcast.net). **Contest Entry forms** are available on the Frederick Optimist Club website or from the Club Coordinator (see above). Interested students prepare and submit a speech on the pre-assigned topic to their local Optimist Club.

### **Contestants:**

The deadline to enter is 26 March 2023. All Club-level contests are typically held by late March.

Winners at the Club-level are required to present at Zone-level (if enough zone clubs have entrants.)

Winners at the Zone-level are required to present at the District-level which is called the Maryland-South Delaware District.

District winners receive scholarships for higher level learning. This year the District will award a first place scholarship of \$2,500, a second place scholarship of \$1,500, and a third place scholarship of \$1,000.