

# Optimist International Scholarships Contests 2017-2018

## Essay Contest



Topic

**"Can Society Function Without Respect?"**

Compose a 700 to 800 word essay around this central idea

**Open to Participants under the age of 18 as of October 1, 2017**

Entry Due to Club **FEB. 2, 2018**

Winner Club Entry Due to District **FEB. 28, 2018**

OPTIMIST CLUB OF HERNANDO  
P. O. BOX 532

HERNANDO, MS 38632

PHONE: (662) 280-8875

EMAIL: [info@hernandooptimist.org](mailto:info@hernandooptimist.org)

[www.hernandooptimist.org](http://www.hernandooptimist.org)

In addition to developing skills for written expression, participants also have the opportunity to win a college scholarship.

**One District Scholarship of \$2,500**

Follow complete 'Official Rules'

Posted on [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org)

## Oratorical Contest



Topic

**"Where Are My Roots Of Optimism?"**

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

**Open to Participants under the age of 18 as of October 1, 2017**

Club Contest Date **MAR. 17, 2018**

Zone Contest Date **MAR. 24, 2018**

District Contest **APR. 21, 2018**

**\*\*Regional Contest APR. 7, 2018\*\***

OPTIMIST CLUB OF HERNANDO  
P. O. BOX 532

HERNANDO, MS 38632

PHONE: (662) 280-8875

EMAIL: [info@hernandooptimist.org](mailto:info@hernandooptimist.org)

First conducted in 1928, this is the second most popular Optimist International Program. Nearly 2,000 clubs participate in this program each year.

**District Scholarships up to \$2,500 with a chance to win up to \$22,500 at the World Championships level**

Follow complete 'Official Rules'

Posted on [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org)

## Communication Contest for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing



Topic

**"Where Are My Roots Of Optimism?"**

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

**Open to Participants through Grade 12**

Club Contest Date TBD

Zone Contest Date TBD

District Contest APR. 21, 2018

OPTIMIST CLUB OF HERNANDO  
P. O. BOX 532

HERNANDO, MS 38632

PHONE: (662) 280-8875

EMAIL: [info@hernandooptimist.org](mailto:info@hernandooptimist.org)

[www.hernandooptimist.org](http://www.hernandooptimist.org)

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.

**One District Scholarship of \$2,500**

Follow complete 'Official Rules'

Posted on [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org)

**\*\*\* \$500 SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE WINNER OF EACH CLUB CONTEST \*\*\***

*Contest open to students in 38632 & 38651 zip codes*