

SCHOLARSHIP LIST #10

Check with the financial aid office of the college for local scholarships available only at that institution.

The Optimist Club of Jefferson City

During Optimist International's 100th Anniversary year, the Optimist Club of Jefferson City is encouraging area students, under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2018, to participate in this year's **essay** and/or **oratorical** contests for college scholarships.

ESSAY: This year's essay subject is "*When All the World's Problems are Solved, is Optimism Still Necessary?*" Each participant will be required to complete an application and submit it along with the essay. The essay must contain at least 700 words but no more than 800 words (every word in the essay is counted-but does not include the Title, bibliography or foot notes; and hyphenated words count as one word). Further guidance on official contest rules will be found on the application itself which must be submitted with the essay along with a copy of the student's birth-certificate or passport to validate age eligibility. The **deadline for submission of ESSAY contest will be January 25, 2019**, and contest application, essay, and copy of birth-certificate/passport should be mailed to Optimist Club, P.O. Box 105095, Jefferson City, MO 65110. Local winners will receive a medal award and advance to District competition to compete for the \$2500 college scholarship.

ORATORICAL: The Optimist Club will hold combined gender oratorical contests with boys and girls. Interested students should prepare their own speech on this year's topic, "*Is There a Fine Line Between Optimism and Reality?*" The contestants may receive advice in the preparation of the speech and may make minor changes or improvements in the speech at any time. The official contest rules are found on the application itself. The speech should be at least 4 minutes but not longer than five minutes. All contestants at each level of competition must furnish a copy of their birth-certificate or passport to validate age, with their entry application before competing. Local winners at the Club level will receive medallions and advance to Zone, Regional, and District competition to compete for a \$2500 first place, \$1500 second place, and \$1000 third place scholarships at District level. The **deadline for submitting oratorical applications to the Club will be February 15, 2019**, and the Club level contests will be held March 4, 2019 with backup date March 18, 2019. If contestant would like mentoring please indicate that on your application. Return your application, a written copy of the speech and copy of birth certificate/passport to the Optimist Club, P.O. Box 105095, Jefferson City, MO 65110 as early as possible to allow time for a mentor to assist. Remember, the contest is only 16-days beyond the application deadline so don't wait until the deadline to request a mentor.

For more information/rules and an application, visit the counseling office.