

THE OPTIMIST CREED

Promise Yourself

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.



OPTIMIST ORATORICAL CONTEST

CONTEST RULES

- ☒ Prepare a 4 to 5 minute speech on the selected topic for the year, **"Healing the World with Optimism."**
- ☒ Contestants must be under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2020 and have not completed secondary school.
- ☒ To compete in any of the club contests listed, the student must live in Centerville or Washington Township or attend Centerville City Schools, Incarnation Catholic School, Alter High School, Miami Valley School, Spring Valley Academy, or Dayton Christian School.
- ☒ Contestants must provide a copy their birth certificate or passport, preferably at the time of application.
- ☒ At the time of the speech, contestants must provide a double-spaced typed copy of the speech, with contestant's name and sponsoring club included.

SUGGESTED TIMELINE

Applications Due: by January 22
 Prepare Outline: through January 29
 Practice Speech: through February 5
 Club Contests Begin: February 8

INDIVIDUAL CLUB CONTEST WINNERS ADVANCE TO ZONE 14 ORATORICAL CONTEST

Each of the winners at the club level will compete at the Zone 14 Oratorical Contest on Wednesday, March 9th, also expected to be held virtually.

Application, with complete contest rules, is available at
https://www.optimist.org/Forms/20-21_Oratorical_Application.pdf

Sponsoring Club	Place	Time	Contest Dates	
South Metro Optimist Club Contact: Jan Kledzik 500costumer@gmail.com	Contests are expected to be held virtually through Zoom	6:00 pm	Monday, February 8	Monday, February 22
Centerville Noon Optimist Club Contact: Liz Fultz 937.610.4420 lfultz@wcp.l.lib.oh.us		11:45 am	Tuesday, February 9	Tuesday, February 16