



It's not too late to have a CCDHH contest in your community. Go to your school district and inquire if they have deaf or hearing impaired students in your district. Visit with the teacher working with these students and inform them of the contest. Let them know we have a great scholarship opportunity for their students. The topic the year is "How My Optimism Helps Me Overcome Obstacles."

Any student up through grade 12 can participate so don't exclude the 14 and 15 year olds. Students only need an audiogram showing a hearing loss of 40 decibels within the last 24 months. The Optimist International website has all the rules and details for having a contest. You do need to arrange a place and set a date for the contest. You will also need three judges and one interpreter. Because we have had so few clubs who have a local contest, we have not had a need for a zone contest. We do however need three students for a district contest!

The DMM District contest is set for the third quarter meeting May 4-5 in Watertown. The registration fee is \$75.00 for the CCDHH contest. If the student brings family along, the pizza party and luncheon is an additional \$19.00 per person. I need to have the names of your CCDHH candidates by April 16<sup>th</sup> so set your local contest accordingly. If you only have one local participant, you can send him/her to the District competition. No Zone contest is needed. So get out there and provide a hearing impaired student with the opportunity to win a \$2500 scholarship.

It would be helpful to me if clubs could let me know if your club is having a CCDHH contest. If you have questions, email me at [gbisek@charter.net](mailto:gbisek@charter.net) or call 320-253-1462.

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