



# Optimist International Essay Contest 2023-2024



## Topic: “Optimism: How it Connects Us”

- A complete packet of instructions and the **OI required forms** are available on the Optimist International Website (Click on Member Resources, then Scholarship Contests, then Essay Contest, then 2023-2024 Essay Chair Planning Guide). New rules for “AI” notations.
- Please **email a digital copy (using Microsoft Word)** of the Optimist Club’s 1<sup>st</sup> place youth essay, along with the **OI contest required written forms and materials, before February 28, 2023** to Marg Bates at: [Margbates@gmail.com](mailto:Margbates@gmail.com). (The digital copy is needed to allow for plagiarism and artificial intelligence scans of the essay).
- DMM Essay Contest judging will be completed by April 1 and club presidents and youth contestants will be notified no later than April 10, 2023.
- If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Marg Bates at [Margbates@gmail.com](mailto:Margbates@gmail.com).