

Hello to All

The Essay contest is just getting started with the participating Clubs, please check with your local clubs to get their dates. I will need ALL the Club winner's information emailed to me no later than February 28th, 2026. Please be sure to have all the required information in order for the Club winner to be eligible to participate in the District level contest, the Club Chair must submit the following:

- District Essay Contest Entry Form
- Essay in a digital Microsoft Word, no PDF's
- Must have number of students that participated in the contest
- Must have appropriate signatures
- 2025-2026 Application Optimist International Essay Contest (both pages)
- Age/ID verification by Contest Chair
- (Only District winner will need copies of ID) included.

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