2027 Oratorical Contest

Topic

How My Actions Strengthen Those Around Me

Deadline to submit entries for the district contest is March 19, 2027.

How stuff works:

Here are the guidelines for running your local and zone contests: https://www.optimist.org/Documents/2027/programs/Guidelines_for_Oratorical_Contest_Participants.pdf. For a detailed club planning guide with needed forms, email dmseamans@gmail.com and she will send it to you.

LOCAL CLUB CONTEST – No minimum required number of participants. Local clubs can send two qualified contestants to the next level. Click here for guidelines and application materials: https://www.optimist.org/documents/2027/programs/26-27_Oratorical_Application.pdf

ZONE CONTEST (if needed) – Three local clubs are needed in order to hold a Zone contest. Two contestants from each Zone can be moved on to the District contest. If no Zone contest the local clubs can choose to send their top one or two contestants to the District contest.

DISTRICT CONTEST – Deadline to submit entries for the district contest is March 19, 2027.

District contest virtual contestants will be done earlier the same day than the in-person contestants. Exact times will be determined once the number of students participating virtually is determined.

- **Friday evening, April 2, 2027**
- **Watertown, South Dakota**
  - **Scholarships**
    - **1st place - $2,500**
    - **2nd place - $1,500**
    - **3rd place - $1,000**

Winners of the District contest move on to the World Championship Oratorical Contest in St. Louis, MO July 15-16, 2027