

Optimist International Oratorical Contest

The Optimist Oratorical Contest gives youth the chance to speak to the world. More than \$150,000 in college scholarships funded by the Optimist International Foundations are awarded annually from this program. First conducted in 1928, this is the second most popular Optimist International Program. Nearly 2,000 clubs participate in this program each year. Students under the age of 16 as of December 31, 2008 are eligible to participate in this years contest.



This year the topic is: "*For me, Optimism is...*"