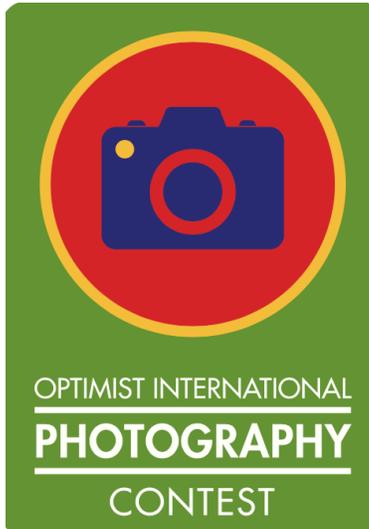


OPTIMIST PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



Highlighting “The Optimist Creed”

Students in grades six through twelve are asked to submit photos that illustrate/exemplify one of the ten verses/lines of “The Optimist Creed”.

Purpose

To expose young people to “The Optimist Creed” and our philosophy of Optimism and to assist them with developing an interest in the area of photography.

1. Providing an avenue for a student’s artistic expression through photos.
2. Introducing both students and parents to “The Optimist Creed” as our philosophy.

Rules

1. Students entering the contest must be in grades six through twelve during the **2025 - 2026** school year.
2. First, second and third place winners will be selected. Winners will be awarded \$150 for first Place, \$100 for second place and \$50 for third place
3. Photos will be judged for photographic quality and for how well the photo illustrates/exemplifies the verse of the Optimist Creed, which is identified on the photo mat frame. A beautiful photograph which does not match the Creed statement it attempts to illustrate, is not necessarily better than a lesser photo that is more to the point.
4. Photos may be any of these sizes: 4” x 6”, 5” x 7”, or 8” x 10”, black and white or color photo. **NO photo-shop** enhancements should be used other than basic cropping of the photo.
5. Photos should be matted, with “The Optimist Creed” verse/line stated clearly on the front of the mat frame, so judges will know what the photo is to exemplify. The photographer’s name and other identifying information, including the entry form should be attached.
6. Each student photographer is allowed to submit up to three photos. However, **no contestant will be awarded prizes for more than one photo.**
7. For any additional questions please contact Rick Karlewski 248-891-4333

The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself –

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.



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