

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 lines of “The Optimist Creed”.

Purpose

To expose young people and their parents to “The Optimist Creed” and our philosophy of Optimism and to assist them with developing an interest in the area of photography by providing an avenue for a student’s artistic expression through photos.

Rules

1. Entrants to the contest must be in grades six through twelve during the 2026 - 2027 school year.
2. First, second and third place winners will be selected. Winners will be awarded \$250 for first place, \$150 for second place and \$100 of third place.
3. Photos will be judged for photographic quality and for how well the photo illustrates/exemplifies the line of the Optimist Creed identified on the contest application. 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 4” X 6”, 5” X 7” or 8” X 10”, black and white or color. **Use of AI in any form is prohibited.**
5. Each student photographer is allowed to submit up to three photos. **However, no contestant will be awarded prizes for more than one photo.**
6. All photos must be entered with the completed “Optimist Photo Contest Entry Form” attached to the back.

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