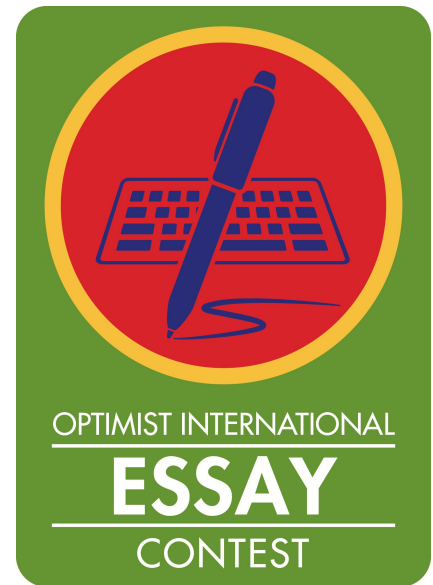


# Could you use a \$2,500 Scholarship?



Optimist International Essay Contest Topic for the 2023-24 School Year is:

## **“Optimism: How it Connects Us”**

**Eligibility:** Open to all students under the age of 19 as of Oct 1, 2023 and have not yet graduated high school.

**Residence:** Student must reside in the State of Michigan, lower Peninsula

**Language:** The essay must be written in English only

**How to enter:** Students write and submit an essay on their interpretation of this year’s official topic. “Optimism: How it Connects Us”

This scholarship contest is comprised of 2 levels: A preliminary round, which is conducted by local Optimist clubs across the state (entry deadline is generally Jan 31, 2024). The winner from each local club advances to the District level, where the overall winner receives a \$2,500 scholarship in the spring.

Again this year, the Second Place finisher will receive a \$1,500 Scholarship and the Third Place finisher will receive a \$1,000 Scholarship!

The application, official rules and entry details can be found at our website:

<https://michiganoptimists.org/essay>