

Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH)

The Optimist International Foundation funds a \$2,500 scholarship to the winner of a District CCDHH contest.

Topic: "What the World Gains from Optimism"

This contest offers an opportunity for children who are deaf or hard of hearing to present their thoughts in the community, gaining skills, which can only come from signing or speaking to a large audience. Patterned after the Optimist Oratorical Contest, the Communication Contest For the Deaf and Hard of Hearing offers hearing impaired youth the chance to compete in speech or sign language. The prize for the winner of a District contest is a \$2,500 scholarship.

Who: The contest is open to young people through grade 12 in the United States and Canada, to CEGEP in Québec and grade 13 in the Caribbean, who are educated in the United States, Canada or the Caribbean. Students must submit the results of an audiogram completed no longer than 24 months prior to the date of the contest by a qualified audiologist. Students must be certified to have a hearing loss of 40 decibels or more, which must be supported by the audiogram in order to be eligible to compete.

How To Enter:

Interested students should contact their local Optimist Club. To find out the contact in your area, please e-mail: Richard Teubner richard.teubner@att.net or Theresa Evans TEvans@fsinhomeilc.com

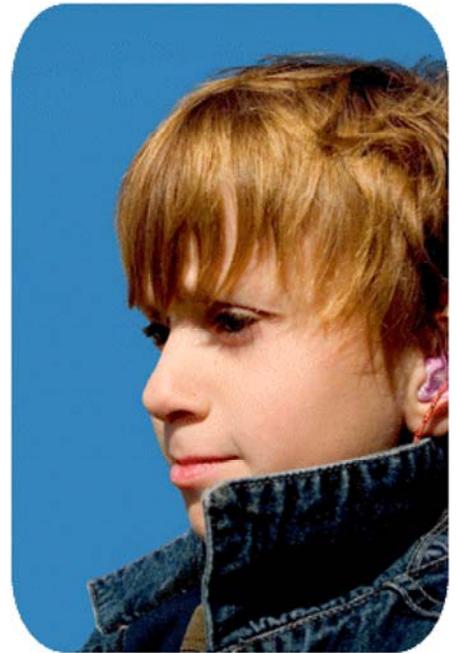
When:

Students

The deadline to enter is determined by the sponsoring Club.

Clubs and Districts

The deadline for Clubs to submit their winner to the next level of competition is set by the District, usually by February 28th. The District Contest will be held April 22, 2017 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Independence, MO.



For an application with contest rules, see 2nd page or go to: <http://optimist.org/e/member/scholarships2.cfm>

Application for the 2016-2017 Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Name _____ M F

Address _____

City _____

State/Country _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Age ____

Have you participated in any other Optimist Club's Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing this school year? Yes No

Audiologist Verification:

I verify that the student listed above has a hearing loss of 40 decibels or more.

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Title _____

Please send application to address below:

Contestant Agreement:

I have studied the rules of the contest, and I will be bound by all of the requirements.

Contestant's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Parent or Guardian Permission:

I give my permission for my child/ward to participate in this contest.

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Relationship _____

I, _____ grant the Optimist Club/International my permission to use a picture of my son/daughter _____ for their public relations purposes. Optimist Club/International may use the photo in any publication they see fit.

Sponsoring Optimist Club Name _____

Sponsoring Optimist Club Number _____

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Official Rules

Section I - General Rules

1. Contestants must enter through a local Optimist Club
2. The CCDHH District Chair is responsible for all phases of the contest and his or her rulings in accordance with the official rules are final.
3. All competitions must be conducted by Optimists only.
4. The contest date, time and place will be determined by the Contest Chair.
5. All contestants must comply with the official rules of the contest.
6. The official application must be completed by each contestant and submitted to the sponsoring Club's Contest Chair.
7. All Zone, Regional and District level contests must have a minimum of 3 contestants participating.

Section II - Qualifications for Contestants

1. The contest is open to young people through grade 12 in the United States and Canada, to CEGEP in Quebec and grade 13 in the Caribbean. Students must have an uncorrected hearing loss of 40 decibels or more in order to be eligible to participate. Participants must submit an audiogram or a Cochlear Implant Programming Report done within 24 months of the date of the contest from a qualified audiologist
2. Contestants are eligible for only one Club's contest during any given year.
3. Each contestant must prepare his or her own presentation with limited assistance on content.
4. Improvements to the presentation can be made at

any time.

4. A student who has won a District CCDHH or CCHI scholarship is not eligible to compete at any level of the competition again.

Section III - Contest Rules

1. All contestants must make a presentation on the official contest topic and submit a typed copy of the speech.
2. Contestants can present in sign language, orally or using a combination of both.
3. Presentations may be delivered in a language other than English if the language used is the official language of the country in which the sponsoring Club is located.
4. The interpreter is to be provided by the sponsoring Optimist Club/Zone/District.
5. All contestants must give the official contest topic before beginning their presentation. If a contestant fails to do this, a 3-point penalty will be automatically assessed by the timekeeper.
6. Any quotation or copyrighted material used in the presentation must be identified with the original author's name. Failure to identify non-original material will result in disqualification.
7. The use of props, special costumes or clothing, or the use of prompters will not be permitted. The penalty will be disqualification. Notes and lecterns can be used if the contestant desires.
8. The time limit is not under 4 minutes and no longer than 5 minutes. Contestants going over or under will not be cautioned, and will be penalized one point each 15 seconds or fraction of over or under the time limits. This penalty will be assessed by the timekeeper.
9. Timing will begin immediately after the official topic is given. Timing will stop when

the contestant finishes.

10. No reference can be made that identifies the student, parents, school, community, sponsoring Optimist Club or District. This will result in a deduction of 5 points or a fraction of based on the degree of identification.
11. Contestants must not be identified by name, school or sponsoring Club until all judges have left the room.
12. Any protest in the conduct at any level of this contest must be made immediately after the condition is noted. Protests received after the next contestant has been introduced, or in the case of the last contestant, after the judges leave to total the scores, will not be accepted under any circumstances.
13. The Contest Chair will rule on all protests in accordance with the official rules. The decision of the Contest Chair is final and no higher appeals will be recognized.

Section V - Scoring

1. Material Organization – subject adherence, theme, content, color and logic. The maximum point award is 40 points.
2. Delivery & Presentation – delivery, gestures and emphasis. The maximum point award is 30 points.
3. Overall Effectiveness – appeal, impression, attitude and effect. The maximum point award is 30 points.

Section VI - Penalties

1. Failure to give official topic – 3 points
2. Failure to identify non-original material - disqualification
3. Use of props, etc. – disqualification
4. Time penalties – 1 points for each 15 seconds or fraction of over or under the limit
5. Self-identification – 5 points or fraction of based on degree of identification

For more information contact:

Contact person:

Contact address:

Contact phone or email:

5. The judges' scores and penalties are confidential and should not be viewed by anyone except the Contest Chair.