



Topic: How Optimism Has Paved My Road to Success

Submission Deadline: Friday, December 6, 2024

To All Students

Show off your writing talent with an entry into the 2024-2025 Optimist International Essay contest! Write and submit a 700-800 word essay on the topic above. This is an opportunity for you to reflect on the high points in your life and enjoy re-living them as you write your essay. Don't be shy - brag about your optimism! We're looking forward to being inspired by the successes in your life story.

The contest is open to all local Clarkston students under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2024 (and have not yet graduated high school). There is no minimum age.

Our local Club members read every essay and award prizes for first, second and third place (\$250, \$150 and \$100, respectively), funded by the Clarkston Area Optimist Club. These top three winners will be asked to attend a Clarkston Area Optimist Club breakfast to read their essay to the Club members and to receive their award.

Our local Clarkston Club winner will advance to the District Level contest to compete for a college scholarship - \$2,500, \$1,500 or \$1,000 for the first, second and third place winners, respectively.

All participants will be offered the opportunity to make a video reading their essay. The videos may be shown on the Optimists' website or on Independence Township TV. This is optional and available to those participants who choose to be filmed.

Fill out an application - available on-line at <https://www.clarkstonoptimists.org/essay-contest> (or contact Optimist Member Linda Danek, 248-736-7850, essaycontest@clarkstonoptimists.org). The contest rules are included in the application. *(Hint: read and follow the rules in the application. Create a checklist and make sure you've complied with all rules prior to submitting your essay.)*

We can't wait to read your essays. Thank you for participating.

Presented by: The Clarkston Area Optimist Club.

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