



\$2,500 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

2023-24 Optimist International Essay Contest

“Optimism: How It Connects Us”

The Optimist Club of Calgary (OCC) is again sponsoring the Optimist International Essay Contest in the 2023-24 school year. The contest is open to students who are under 19 years of age on October 1, 2023. Students must write a 700-to-800 word essay on the topic **“Optimism: How It Connects Us?”** and submit it by **January 8, 2024**.

OCC will give cash prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 to the three best essays entered into the contest. The best essay will be forwarded to a second contest in which the best essays from all the Optimist clubs in the Alberta, Saskatchewan, Montana, and Northern Wyoming District are entered. The best essay from this group will receive a **\$2,500 post-secondary scholarship provided by the Canadian Children’s Optimist Foundation**. In the past eight contests, the essay contest entrant from our club has earned the \$2,500 post-secondary scholarship for our Optimist District six times.

Entries to this contest are now open. Entry/Application forms have been sent to all schools. Please complete and return, along with a copy of Proof of Age to ironmanb@telusplanet.net.

If you cannot find an application at your school, go to this link on the Optimist International website: <https://www.optimist.org/member/scholarships3.cfm>, and click on the Essay Contest Application link on the right side of the page. When you complete the application in this manner, the club name is Optimist Club of Calgary and the club number is 13-025. Submit the application by e-mail as described previously.