



Oratorical Contest

“How Optimism Has Guided Me Through Trying Times”

CONTEST RULES

- Prepare a 4 to 5 minute speech on the selected topic for the year, **“How Optimism Has Guided Me Through Trying Times”**
- Contestants must be under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2024 and not enrolled as a degree seeking student of a post-secondary institution.
- To compete at any of the club contests listed below, the student must live in Centerville or Washington Township or attend Centerville City Schools, Incarnation Catholic School, Alter High School, Miami Valley School, Spring Valley Academy, or Dayton Christian School.
- Contestants must provide a copy their birth certificate or passport, preferably at the time of application.
- At the time of the speech, contestants must provide a double-spaced typed copy of the speech, with contestant’s name and sponsoring club included.

SUGGESTED TIMELINE

Applications Due: By January 10th
 Prepare Outline: Through January 17th
 Practice Speech: Through January 31st
 Club Contests Begin: February 3rd

INDIVIDUAL CLUB CONTEST WINNERS ADVANCE TO ZONE 14 ORATORICAL CONTEST

The winners at the club level will compete at the Zone 14 Oratorical Contest on **Tuesday, March 5th, at the Woodbourne Library 6060 Far Hills Ave., Centerville, OH 45459**

Application, with complete contest rules, is available at <https://centervillenooptimist.com/oratorical-contest/>

Sponsoring Club	Place	Time	Contest Dates	
South Metro Optimist Club Contact: Jan Kledzik 500customer@gmail.com	MCL Cafeteria 4485 Far Hills Ave.	5:45pm	Monday February 3rd	Monday February 17th
Centerville Noon Optimist Club Contact: Jessica Wagner Jessica.mae.wagner@gmail.com 937-657-0146	The GOLF Club at Yankee Trace 10000 Yankee St.	11:45am	Tuesday February 11th	Tuesday February 18th

CENTERVILLE NOON OPTIMIST CLUB

THE OPTIMIST CREED

Promise yourself:

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.



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