



SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

Topic: "Is Optimism the Key
to Achieving the Dreams you
iMagine?"

CASH PRIZE

1st Place - \$125*

2nd Place - \$75

3rd Place - \$50

**Two winners will be chosen for each prize level. One overall winner will be selected to compete in districts for a \$2,500 scholarship.*

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS:

- Address essay topic
- Compose essay in 700-800 words
- Submit by **Friday, February 14th, 2020** at 11:59 p.m.

Essay Questions and Answers

Q: What is the Optimist Essay Contest?

A: Every year, Optimist International sponsors an essay contest for the purpose of allowing students to express their perspective on worldly affairs. Local Optimist Clubs host the essay contest to further this initiative.

Q: Who is eligible to participate?

A: Any student 18 years or younger by October 1st, 2019 that has not been accepted to a degree-seeking program of a post-secondary institution can participate. There are no grade-level restrictions or minimum age requirements.

Q: Where should I submit my essay?

A: Check with your school's Guidance Department for submitting physical copies of the essay. Electronic versions can be sent to Calvert Optimist Club Essay Contest Organizer, Kimberly Imel, at kni5024@psu.edu.

Q: I have more questions. Where should I go?

A: Contact your school's Guidance Department or visit <https://www.CalvertOptimists.org> for Official Rules and Contest Application.

