



## Optimist International 2011-2012

### College Scholarship Oratorical Contest

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## Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club, Inc.

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**Who:** Youth under the age of 18 as of December 31, 2011, who have not yet graduated from high school or the equivalent

**Topic:** "How My Optimism Helps Me overcome Obstacles"

Length: Four to Five Minutes

**When:** [Greater Jacksonville Optimist Oratorical Contest](#)

Wednesday Evening, March 14, 2012

at St. James Academy in Monkton

[Zone 6 Contest](#)

Date & Location to be Determined

[Maryland South Delaware District of  
Optimist International Contest](#)

April 27 - April 29, 2012 at the Carousel Hotel in Ocean City, MD

**District Boy Winner--\$2,500 Scholarship**

**District Girl Winner--\$2,500 Scholarship**

**For Contest Entry Form and Rules**

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The Optimist International Oratorical Contest began in 1928. The Greater Jacksonville Optimists began their participation in the Oratorical Contest in the Spring of 1985. Each Optimist District conducts competitions beginning at the local Club level. Club boy and girl winners advance to their local Zone Contest and the Zone boy and girl winners advance to the District contest where the District boy and girl winners each receive a \$2,500 college scholarship.

Students from the Greater Jacksonville area, under the age of 18 as of December 31, 2011, who have not yet graduated from high school or the equivalent, are invited to participate in our contest. The first place boy and girl winners of our contest will compete in the Zone 6 contest with the winners from the Cherry Hill, Cockeysville, Hereford, Northwest Baltimore, Timonium, Towson University, and Woodlawn/Gwynn Oak Optimist Clubs. The Zone 6 boy and girl winners will compete with the winners from the other five Zones in the Maryland South Delaware District Contest.

### Optimist International Mission

**"By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids."**