



**Optimist International
2014-2015
College Scholarship Oratorical Contest
Sponsored locally by the
**Greater Jacksonville
Optimist Club, Inc.****

**P.O. Box 442, Phoenix, MD 21131
www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org
410-592-7067**

Who: Youth under the age of 19, who have not yet graduated from high school or the equivalent

Topic: “How My Optimism Will Help Me Press on to Greater Achievements of the Future”

Length: Four to Five Minutes

When: [Greater Jacksonville Optimist Oratorical Contest – March 2015](#)

Date and Location to be Determined

[Zone 6 Contest](#)

Date & Location to be Determined

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

May 1-May 3, 2015 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

[Visit www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org](http://www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org) or call 410-592-7067

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 19, 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 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.”