

Let your voice be heard!

## OPTIMIST PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Win \$2,500+ in scholarships and cash prizes!

Since its start in 1928, the Optimist Oratorical Contest has been the longest-running program of Optimist International, a world-wide service group dedicated to serving the youth in our community. This contest is designed for youth to gain experience in public speaking, perfect self-expression, gain self-assurance, improve communication skills, and compete for scholarships & cash prizes!

**Eligibility:** Open to students under age 19 as of Oct. 1, 2019 & not enrolled as degree-seeking student of a post-secondary institution.

**DATE:** 10:00AM-Saturday, March 7, 2020

Davenport Public Library—Fairmount Branch  
3000 Fairmount St, Davenport, IA 52804

**Club Level:**

\$200—1st Place, \$100—2nd Place, \$50—3rd Place PLUS immediately advance to Zone

**Zone Level:**

10:00am—Saturday, March 21, 2020  
Hurtsville Interpretive Center, 18670 63rd St., Maquoketa, IA 52060  
\$300—1st Place, \$200, 2nd Place PLUS chance to advance to District

**District Level:**

State Competition: Johnston, IA, April 24, 2020  
1st Place—\$2,500 scholarship  
2nd Place—\$1,500 scholarship  
3rd Place—\$1,000 scholarship

**World Championship:**

World Regional and World Championship Contests held **July 15-17, 2020** at St. Louis University, in St. Louis, MO. Optimist Districts may send one winner to St. Louis to compete with the winners of the other Districts for scholarship valued at \$5,000 or more. Scholarships in the amount of \$15,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000 will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place World Champions, respectively.

**HOW TO ENTER:**

1. Read contest rules and download the application form at: <https://iowaoptimist.org/oratorical-contest/>
2. Secure your spot by emailing the form to [kgilson@quadcityarts.com](mailto:kgilson@quadcityarts.com) OR call 309-793-1213 X104  
**APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 28, 2020**
1. Prepare a 4-5 minute speech on the topic of: **“Just Imagine a World Without Boundaries”**.

\*The program is recommended by both the **National Association of Secondary School Principals** and the **American Association of School Administrators**.

