



Oratorical Contest 2021-2022 "Staying Optimistic in Challenging Times"

The District finals will be held on **Saturday, May 7, 2022**, in person (World Competition slated for St. Louis in July, exact date TBD). All Zone and Region winners will receive plaques given to them at that level (engraved name slat will be ordered when winner's names are known). District winners also receive an engraved plaque. There will be three scholarships awarded to the District winner, 2nd, and 3rd place. This contest is non-gender specific. The top winner advances to the World Competition.

- Two winners at the Club Level
- Two winners at the Zone Level
- Two winners at the Regional Level
- First, 2nd & 3rd Place winners at the District Level. Only First Place advances to the World Competition

Club Contests: Conducted by March 6, 2022.

Zone Contests: Conducted by March 27, 2022.

Regional Contests: Conducted by April 17, 2022.

Information packets can be requested from Optimist International or can be downloaded from www.ohiodistrictoptimist.org or www.optimist.org. The link leads to an application, brochure, and Club Planning Guide.

Lt. Governors: Please mail all winners' paperwork to your Regional Chair immediately after your zone contest. Regional coordinators should mail paperwork (please make sure all blanks are completed) to Debe as soon as your contest is finished.

Debe Dockins
Ohio District Oratorical Chair
588 Shelbourne Lane; Apt. 207
Dayton, OH 45458
DebeD87@gmail.com
and ddockins@wcpl.lib.oh.us
Cell: 937-266-2331

Region 1:

Prior Contest Venue: Brunswick Municipal Building
4095 Center Road,
Brunswick, OH 44212
Chair: **TBD**

Zone 1 – Open

Zone 2 – Lt. Gov. Kevin Zehe

Zone 3 – Lt. Gov. Debe Dockins

Region 2:

Prior Contest Venue: University of Northwestern Ohio
1441 N. Cable Road (400 Crown Building)
Lima, OH 45805
Chairs: **TBD**

Zone 4 – Lt. Gov. Ray Abel

Zone 5 – Lt. Gov. Tom Kennedy

Region 3:

Prior Contest Venue: Southminster Church
7001 Far Hills Avenue
Centerville, OH 45459
Chair: **TBD**

Zone 6 – Lt. Gov. Brenda Moore

Zone 7 – Lt. Gov. Pat Behn

Zone 8 – Lt. Gov. Darrel Basford

At each stage, it's very important that all the paperwork is completed. In order for the scholarships to be processed, I need to submit the following to OI:

- The Contestant's Application Form for the 2020-2021 Contest
- The Zone/District Regional/District Entry Form which must include the number of contestants that participated in each level of the contest AND the appropriate signatures, including the contestants.'
- The Optimist Regional Information Form from the Regions which will be held in April.
- A Copy of the contestant's birth certificate or passport. No other age verification documents will be accepted.
- A copy of the contestant's Club Contest Evaluation which can be found in the Club Planning Guide. *This is often missed, but OI considers it mandatory.*
- A printed copy of the speech.
- PLEASE make sure you have signatures of club officials.