



YOUTH APPRECIATION



Optimist International Youth Appreciation

- Since 1957 Optimist International have been recognizing youth for their talents in the arts, athletics, academics, and for contributions to their community
- As “Friends of Youth” this is an activity that can work for any size club

How to design your Youth Appreciation Day

- As a club decide how many students from your local High School you would like to represent.
- Create a budget for the program that should include the cost of the meals for each student and their guests and the cost of the awards/certificates that will be presented
- Select a date in December to honor and recognize the students and their families.
- Consider providing each student with a certificate/award.
- Contact your High School Principal or School Superintendent to solicit their support
- Meet with them to share some information about your Optimist Club and an outline of timeline to implement the program.

Youth Appreciation Selection Timeline

- Early October
- High School Principal and counselors select the number of students that will be honored
- Students should be seniors that are all-around good citizens that have demonstrated accomplishments in the local, school, and/or religious communities
- Early November
- Principal and/or counselor meets with each student to congratulate them and explain the award.
- Principal sends a letter to each student inviting them to the awards meeting along with their parents and immediate family members.

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- December
- Set time at a December meeting to recognize each of the selected students
- This should include a brief review of Optimist International, your Optimist Club, background on the Youth Appreciation Award ,and time for the principal and/or counselor to say a few words about the accomplishments of the student(s)
- Take photos of each student with their principal/counselor. Also take a group photo of the students, your club president, etc.
- Send the photos and a summary of the program to post on your Face Book page, Web site and to send to your local newspaper



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