

# **The Lawrence Breakfast Optimist Club** **2009 Oratorical Contest Announcement**

**Website-URL:** <http://lawrenceoptimists.com>

The Breakfast Optimist Club of Lawrence is pleased to announce the 2009 Oratorical Contest. Information is being provided to youth with interests in public speaking. The official rules and application for the contest are available through the Lawrence Breakfast Optimist Club, Jane Harris, President. A copy of the rules and application are included with this announcement. In the alternative, the official rules and applications are available on the Optimist International Website [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org) (under Programs & Activities). There is a local club level contest, a regional contest and a district contest.

Key components for the contest include:

- Topic:** “For Me, Optimism is...”
- Eligibility:** Young people who are not 16 years old as of December 31, 2008
- Length of Speech:** At least 4 and not more than 5 minutes
- Dates for the Contests:**
- Club:** Saturday March 7, 2009, 9:00 a.m., at the Lawrence Diploma Completion Program Center, Malls Shopping Center, 711 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Suite 6, Lawrence, Kansas
- Regional:** Late March or early April 2009 (date to be announced)
- District:** April 25, 2009, in Manhattan
- Deadline for Applications for Club contest:** March 2, 2009. Submit applications to Tony Folsom, 704 Fox Chase Ct., Lawrence, KS 66049.

The rewards for students include:

- The *opportunity* for a rewarding new experience.
- The *contacts* with dedicated community leaders.
- The *satisfaction* of developing public speaking skills.
- The *recognition* for participating in a worthwhile education/community activity.

The winners of the contests will receive medallions at the local club level, plaques at the regional levels, and scholarships at the district level. The first place male and female winners at the local club level will also each receive \$50.00. The first place male and female at the district level will receive a \$1,500 scholarship for use at a college, university, or trade school.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Tony Folsom, Club Oratorical Chairman, at 691-6715 or by e-mail at [folsom@sunflower.com](mailto:folsom@sunflower.com). If contacting by e-mail, please put “Oratorical Contest” in the subject line.