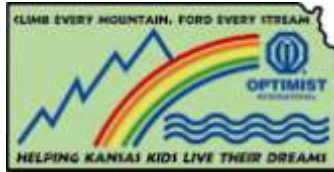


The Lawrence Breakfast Optimist Club 2012 Oratorical Contest Announcement



Topic: "How my optimism helps me overcome obstacles ..."

Who: Students 17 and under as of December 31 of the 2011-2012 school year (December 31, 2011) and who are educated in the United States, Canada or the Caribbean.

How to enter: go to the following web site where you will find additional information plus links to official rules and application form that can be read and downloaded as needed. http://www.ksoptimist.org/ksoptimists_013.htm.

Then, send the application form to:

Jennifer Smith
PO Box 28
Lecompton, KS 66050-0028

When: Entry forms must be postmarked no later than February 15, 2012.

Dates for the Contests:

The Local Club Contest has not yet been set; however, it will be in early March with the winners advancing to the district and zone contests. You will be notified of the club contest date, time and location upon receipt of your application.

The Zone Contest will be on March 20th, 2012.

The Regional Contest will be in April 8, 2012.

The Optimist Oratorical Contest gives youngsters the chance to speak to the world. More than \$150,000 in college scholarships funded by the Optimist International Foundations is awarded annually from this program.

First conducted in 1928, this is the second most popular Optimist International Program. Nearly 2,000 clubs participate in this program each year. The winner at the Club level receives a certificate and a prize of \$100.00. Winners at the district level and above have the opportunity to win scholarships of \$2,500 or more.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Jennifer Smith at (785) 917-1240, or by email at jenjen55@yahoo.com. Please put **"Oratorical Contest"** in the subject line.