

The Lawrence Breakfast Optimist Club **2010 Oratorical Contest Announcement**

Topic: "Cyber Communication: Progress or Problem?"

Who: Students under the age of 16 years as of December 31 of the 2009-2010 school year (December 31, 2009) and who are educated in the United States, Canada or the Caribbean.

How to enter: Go to <http://www.optimist.org/e/member/scholarships4.cfm> and click on the designated link for a set of rules and an application. Fill out the application form and send it to Tony Folsom at 704 Fox Chase Ct., Lawrence, KS 66049

When: Entry forms must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2010.

Dates for the Contests:

The Local Club Contest will be on Saturday March 6, 2010, 9:00 a.m., at the Lawrence Diploma Completion Program Center, Malls Shopping Center, 711 W. 23rd St., Suite 6, Lawrence, Kansas

The Zone Contest will be later in March 2010. (date to be announced)

The Regional Contest will be in April 2010 (date/location to be announced)

The District Contest will be on May 1, 2009, McPherson, Kansas

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 winners at the Club level receive medallions and Zone winners receive a plaque. Districts have the opportunity to provide two \$2,500 scholarships or a first place scholarship of \$2,500, a second place scholarship of \$1,500, and a third place scholarship of \$1,000.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Tony Folsom, Club Oratorical Chairman, at 691-6715 or by e-mail at folsom@sunflower.com. If contacting by e-mail, please put "Oratorical Contest" in the subject line.