



INFORMATION for TEACHERS

2019 Optimist Essay Competition

TOPIC:

“When All the World’s Problems are Solved, is Optimism Still Necessary?”

Attached are several copies of the application and rules for the 2019 Essay Contest. The local competition is sponsored by the Imperial Beach Optimist Club. Feel free to make more copies of this form.

WHO may enter: Youth under the age of 18 as of October 1, 2018

HOW to enter: Mail or email essays and applications to:

Virginia Syverson, 675 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, CA 91932

Or: vsyverson@cox.net

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2019--Must be received by this date

WHAT may be included in the essay: Students can have “the opportunity to write about their own opinions regarding the world in which they live. The approach can encompass a young person’s personal experience, the experience of their country or a more historical perspective.”

SPECIAL: Students may NOT identify themselves, their parents, school, or community. It is very important to follow RULES found on the application sheet. These include what to include on each page of the essay and the inclusion of a title page.

PRIZES: There will be certificates for all entrants and a monetary award for the top three essays received by the IB Optimist Club. If the essay receives first place at the District Optimist level the prize is \$2,500. If the student wins the International Optimist essay contest, the prize is a \$22,500 scholarship.

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