



2025-2026 Optimist Oratorical Topic:

**“The Moment I Realized I Belonged
My Definition of Community”**

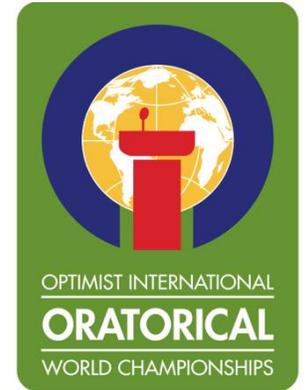
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2026 Oratorical Contest

**March 21st: 1:30-4:00 p.m.
Conference Room, Sun Prairie
Public Library**

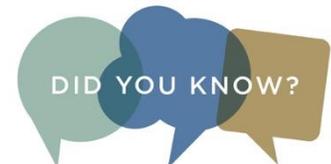
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**Submission
Deadline: March
15, 2026**



Since its start in 1928, the Optimist Oratorical Contest has become the longest-running program sponsored by Optimist International. The contest is designed for youth to gain experience in public speaking and provide them with the opportunity to compete for a college scholarship

2024 OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL ORATORICAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

WORLD CHAMPIONS	WORLD REGIONAL CHAMPIONS - \$5,000 Scholarship	
1st Place - \$15,000 Scholarship Calleigh Neal Middle America Region	Emma Petter NE & Great Lakes Region	Calleigh Neal Middle America Region
2nd Place - \$10,000 Scholarship Addison Journey Mid Atlantic Region	Vienna Daugela Great Plains Region	Chloe Gunter West Coast Region
3rd Place - \$5,000 Scholarship Sana Beldjilali Optimistes Francophones Canadiens	Addison Journey Mid-Atlantic Region	Sana Beldjilali Optimistes Francophones Canadiens
	Janessa Montilla Southeast Region	Jermain Rovensky Global Region (Haiti)
	Hana Ahmednur Southwest Region	

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