

## Essay Cover Sheet Instructions

Don't forget the all-important cover page when you assemble your essay for the Optimist Club of Fort Worth's Essay Contest. Optimist International has rules about placing a cover page in front of the essay because it is judged by a team which never knows the student's identity until the judging is finished. Also there is to be no personal identification in the body of the essay. The cover page is numbered along with the essay at the time of submission and is used to identify the winning essays at the end of the contest.

### Optimist International Rule:

Each entry must begin with a cover page containing: the official topic, number of words (700 minimum to no more than 800), writer's name, address, phone number, name of school and date of birth.

How the Cover Sheet is to look...

Topic: How Does an Optimistic Mindset Change My Tomorrow?

### Words (does not include title, footnotes, or bibliography)

Your Name

Your Residence Address

Your Email Address

Your Phone Number

Your School

Your Date of Birth

Please note the importance of submitting a complete application, signed by both by you and one of your parents. Keep the original signed copy of the application as it may need to be submitted to our District if you are the winner of our club's competition. The PDF scanned copy of the application, cover page and essay must be provided in a single email due by 9PM Monday February 14, 2022 to give us time to complete judging by February 28. Send to [essaycontest@optimistclubfortworth.org](mailto:essaycontest@optimistclubfortworth.org)

The scholarship awards at our local club level are \$1500 for first place, \$1000 for second place, and \$500 for third place. The first place winner will also be eligible for District competition where a first place award of \$2500 will be given by Optimist International.

