



Don't forget the all-important and indispensable cover sheet when you help your students assemble their essays for the Optimist Club of Fort Worth's Essay Contest. Optimist International has some picky little rules about placing a cover sheet in front of the body of the student's essay. 'Why', you may ask. Well, simply because essays are judged blindly by a team which never knows the student's identify or his or her school until the judging is finished. The student should place all of his or her identifying information on the cover sheet only. Personal identification information does not belong in the body of the essay. The application and the cover sheet are separated from the body of the essay at the time of submission, and the cover sheet becomes the tool we use to keep track of each essay while it goes through the review process. No cover sheet? Your essay will not survive to see the first round of judging.

Optimist International's Rule:

Each entry must begin with a title page containing: the official topic, number of words, writer's name, address, phone number, name of school and date of birth.

How the Cover Sheet Looks:

Can Society Function Without Respect?
764 Words

Your Name
Your Residence Address
Your Email Address
Your Phone Number
Your School
Your Date of Birth

Details about the essay topic and the essay contest can be found at <https://www.optimist.org/Documents/Scholarship-Promo-Flyer-2017-18.pdf> . The Optimist Club of Fort Worth awards scholarships for essay winners at the local level. The scholarship awards for this year will be \$300 for first place, \$200 for second place, and \$100 for third place. The winner at the local level will be eligible for district competition, where a solo additional first place scholarship award shall be conferred by Optimist International, in the amount of \$2500.

Essay Contest Rules & Application:

http://w17.optimist.org/Forms/17-18_Essay_Application_Fillable.pdf

Essays will be accepted by email delivery in PDF format only, and not later than 5 p.m., February 7, 2018, to

essaycontest@optimistclubfortworth.org

Deal Breakers: A student essay without a complete and parent-signed application cannot be accepted. Likewise, late-received entries cannot be considered.

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