

# APRIL 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 April Fool's Day
2	3 Junior Optimist Convention planning and fundraising	4	5	6	7	8
9 Easter Sunday	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Final Dues deadline! Revocations begin next week	20	21	22
23	24 Convention fundraisiers	25	26	27	28	29
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## NOTES:

- Final dues deadline is April 20. Club revocations take place in May.
- Look over all awards offered to Members and be aware of all deadlines.

# Junior Optimist Member Awards

## Member Excellence Award

Each year the Member Excellence Award will be presented to one Junior Optimist Member who shows dedication in the fields of Club involvement and community service. This award represents the true philanthropic spirit and should be considered a great honor.

All nominations and support materials must be received at the International Office no later than May 30.

The screening process will begin with the Staff Review Committee at Optimist International. The top five applicants will be forwarded to the Junior Optimist International Board of Directors who will select the winner of the scholarship. The winner will be announced at the Junior Optimist International Convention.

## Requirements:

1. Membership for at least one year at the time of application
2. Completion of the official Member Excellence Scholarship Application Form and all other required documentation.
3. Must have a letter of support from an Advisor or Club President with signatures from both parties. (In addition to the letter of support from the Advisor, the applicant is encouraged to submit other letters of support from school and community leaders).
4. Must have served at least one year on District or International level.

## Prize:

College Scholarship worth \$2,000



**Member Excellence Award**

Nomination Form

Please accept this application for the Member Excellence Award. I have read the requirements listed for this award and have attached all necessary materials.

(Please print or type)

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club #: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Club Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Club #: \_\_\_\_\_

District Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Since: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Offices Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your involvement in any community service activities and duties conducted:

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(Please use separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**This completed form with support materials must be submitted by May 30 to:**

Optimist International  
 Junior Optimist Department  
 4494 Lindell Boulevard  
 Saint Louis, MO 63108  
 Fax (314) 371-6006  
[junioroptimist@optimist.org](mailto:junioroptimist@optimist.org)

# Junior Optimist Member Awards

## **Ruby Blair Member of the Year Award**

Each year, this International award recognizes one outstanding Member of the organization. The Ruby Blair Award is named for a former Staff Member of Optimist International who spent a huge amount of time and effort to help organize the international administration of Junior Optimist International. Ruby Blair's efforts gave Club Members their own newsletter, awards, training, materials and convention. This award is considered a great honor.

All nominations and support materials must be received at the International Office by May 30.

The International Junior Optimist Board of Directors will judge all entries. Their decision is final. The winner will be honored at the Junior Optimist International Convention.

### **Requirements:**

1. All Members who have not held a District title are eligible for nominations. Do not nominate current or past District or International Officers.
2. Candidates must have an established membership in a Club with a charter date no later than February 1. (NOTE: Transferring your membership from one Club level to another is acceptable.)
3. All candidate entries must include a signed letter of recommendation from either their Club Advisor, Club Chair or Sponsor Club President.
4. Must have a letter of support from the Advisor or Club President with signatures from both parties.

### **Prize:**

Plaque, recognition during the annual Junior Optimist International Convention and a College Scholarship worth \$2,000



**Ruby Blair Member of the Year**

**Nomination Form**

Please accept this application for the Ruby Blair Member of the Year Award. I have read the requirements listed for this award and have attached the necessary materials.

(Please print or type)

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club #: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Club Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Club #: \_\_\_\_\_

District Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Since: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Offices Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_

Why does this person deserve to be recognized? Personal Comments:

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(Please use separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**This completed form with support materials must be sent directly to the Junior Optimist Department at Optimist International no later than May 30.**

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