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### **Local Student Wins Optimist Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing**

CITY, STATE/PROVINCE . STUDENT NAME, a YEAR IN SCHOOL at SCHOOL,  
recently won the DISTRICT NAME Optimist District's Communications Contest for  
the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing. The theme of this year's contest was %SPEECH  
THEME+

STUDENT'S LAST NAME will receive a \$2,500 scholarship for the honor.

%Through SPEECH/SIGN LANGUAGE, STUDENT NAME did a wonderful job of  
presenting HIS/HER thoughts about the questions posed to HIM/HER,+District Chair  
CHAIR'S NAME said. %We have no doubt that STUDENT NAME has a bright future  
ahead of HIM/HER.+

The DISTRICT NAME has been participating in the Communications Contest for the  
Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing for NUMBER years. The contest is open to students who  
have a hearing loss of 40 decibels or more, and students can sign or speak their  
presentation, or communicate through a combination of the two.

Optimist International is one of the world's largest service club organizations with over 80,000 adult and youth members in almost 3,000 clubs in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Mexico, and throughout the world. Each year, around 300 Optimist Clubs participate in the Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing. Carrying the motto "Bringing Out the Best in Youth, in our Communities, and in Ourselves," Optimists conduct positive service projects that reach more than six million young people each year. To learn more about Optimist International, please call (314) 371-6000 or visit the organization's website at [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org).

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