

Optimist International Presents: **THE OPTIMIST VISUAL ARTS COMPETITION!**



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Guidelines

1. The contest will be held at the Club level and International level.
The topic this year is **Bringing Out the Best**.
2. Club level judging may be by Club Members, professional artists/instructors, or by public voting.
3. The project for the Visual Arts Competition shall be the creation of a set of twelve note cards and envelopes.
4. Artist must be **age eleven or lower as of October 1, 2024**.
There are two age divisions: up to 7 years of age and 8-11 years of age.
Art for six notecards will be selected from each age division.
5. Clubs may provide awards to participants and winners at the local level.
6. Artwork must be created on 11" wide x 8.5" high paper or construction paper.
7. Actual, physical artwork of the Club winner(s) **must be submitted to OI no later than March 1, 2025**. Do not fold the artwork, and be sure to protect the artwork by placing it between two pieces of thin cardboard before placing it inside of a large envelope. Mark the outside of the envelope with the words, "**DO NOT BEND**".
Send to Optimist International, c/o Marketing, 4494 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108
8. Voting will be done **March 15-30, 2025**.
9. There will be a monetary award for 13 OI winners, one for the image selected to go on the cover and one image selected for each notecard.
10. At the International level, **the 12 winners** will receive a **\$150** monetary award; **the winner of the cover** will receive an additional **\$100** monetary award.
11. The notecards will be available for sale as early as June 30, 2025 at the international convention in St. Louis, MO, Jun 30-July 3, 2025.



This exciting competition is designed to encourage and celebrate youth visual art skills and gives the youth we serve another outlet for their creativity!



Contact marketing@optimist.org
with questions

Optimist Visual Arts Contest (Club Level Entry Form)

Project: Notecards

Topic: Bringing Out the Best

NAME _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE _____

SCHOOL: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

PARENT'S PHONE: _____

PARENT'S EMAIL: _____

OPTIMIST CLUB: _____ CLUB #: _____

OPTIMIST CLUB CONTACT NAME: _____

OPTIMIST CLUB CONTACT EMAIL: _____

I certify that I created this painting or drawing. _____
(Student's Signature)

You have permission to print the picture and my child's name.

(Parent's Signature)

Due date entries: _____

Include above application with each submission.

Submit your painting or drawing and entry form to: _____

Via mail or deliver to: _____

Optimist Visual Arts Contest (International Level Entry Form)

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Please fill out this form and include a high quality picture of the painting or drawing for judging at the International level.

OPTIMIST CLUB: _____ CLUB #: _____

CLUB REPRESENTATIVE:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail _____

Entries must be mailed to Optimist International no later than March 1, 2025.

Please include a copy of the Club Level Entry Form. Send to:

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