

Dues and Fees Structure

for the 2026-2027 Year *US Funds*

The US dollar is the official currency of Optimist International. All Dues and Fees are in US dollars unless specifically noted otherwise. Canadian Clubs/Members are invoiced using the published CAD currency exchange rate. The Canadian Currency exchange rate cap for 2026-2027 is 1.39.

Effective October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027

Regular Adult Members

Optimist International's dues structure for Clubs is based on the United Nations Human Development Index (HDI) and categorized into either Developed or Developing Countries.

	Developed	Developing
Annual	\$93.85	\$48.80
Semiannual	\$46.92	\$24.40
Quarterly	\$23.46	\$12.20

College Members

Any Optimist Member who is enrolled as a full-time college student (minimum of 12 credit hours) is eligible to have their annual dues reduced. College Members in Regular Clubs pay:

	Developed	Developing
Annual	\$32.59	\$19.92
Semiannual	\$16.30	\$9.96
Quarterly	\$8.15	\$4.98

Life Members

Life Membership Enrollment Fee: \$938.50 Developed Country, \$488.00 Developing Country.

	Developed	Developing
Annual	\$46.92	\$24.40
Semiannual	\$23.46	\$12.20
Quarterly	\$11.73	\$6.10

Friend of Optimist

Annual \$140.00 USD/CAD (\$84.00 to Optimist International, \$56.00 to Club/District that sponsors the Member)

New Club Charter Fee

Developed Countries	\$325.00
Developing Countries	\$225.00

Processing Fees for New Members

Regular Members	\$15.00
College Members	\$5.00
Transfer Members	\$5.00

New Club's First Payment of International Dues

Annual dues shall commence on the first day of the third month following the month in which the Club is officially organized. Such initial payment will be based on the number of Members enrolled in the International Office on the last day of the month prior to the billing date. The new Club will be invoiced covering the months in which the calculations are made.

Schedule of New Club's First Dues Payment *(shown for Developed Countries)*

Organization Month	First Dues Date	Regular Member	Life Member	College Member
October	January 1	\$23.46	\$11.73	\$8.15
November	February 1	\$15.69	\$7.83	\$5.45
December	March 1	\$7.82	\$3.92	\$2.72
January	April 1	\$23.46	\$11.73	\$8.15
February	May 1	\$15.69	\$7.83	\$5.45
March	June 1	\$7.82	\$3.92	\$2.72
April	July 1	\$23.46	\$11.73	\$8.15
May	August 1	\$15.69	\$7.83	\$5.45
June	September 1	\$7.82	\$3.92	\$2.72
July	October 1	\$23.46	\$11.73	\$8.15
August	November 1	\$15.69	\$7.83	\$5.45
September	December 1	\$7.82	\$3.92	\$2.72