

Mukwonago Optimist Club Photo Contest Rules & Application Form

Topic: Highlighting “The Optimist Creed”

Photographers for the contest should be students at any age up through high school and prior to post-secondary education. Students are asked to submit ONE photo that illustrates/exemplifies ONE of the ten verses/lines of “The Optimist Creed”.

Rules

1. The competition is open to students from elementary through high school. Entries will be judged in age categories of 9 and under, age 10 to 14, and age 15 upwards.
2. Photos must be submitted in the Optimist Club Photo Contest drop box inside the Mukwonago Community Library before or on September 30, 2025. Photos will be on display at the library from October 6th to October 11th, 2025, where the public can vote for “People’s Choice”.
3. Official judging will take place on Oct 9th, and winning photos will be recognized with ribbons attached. The judges will select 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category to receive a ribbon. First place winners will also receive a prize. All contestants will receive a participation certificate.
4. Photos will be judged for the photography quality and for how well the photo illustrates/exemplifies the verse of the Optimist Creed. A beautiful photograph which does not match the Creed statement it attempts to illustrate, is not necessarily better than a lesser photo that is more to the point.
5. Photos may be sized 4” x 6” OR 5” x 7”, and may be black and white OR color photo. NO photo-shopping enhancements should be used other than basic cropping of the photo.
6. Photos should be matted (placed on a cardstock background, see pic below), with “The Optimist Creed” verse/line stated clearly on the mat frame border, above or below the photo. This is so that the judges will know what line of the creed the photo illustrates/exemplifies. The photographer’s name and age should be on the back, and the entry form should be attached.
7. If you have any questions or need more info, please contact us on mukwonagoOptimist@gmail.com or visit our website www.mukwonagooptimist.com

Example of photo submission (front):



The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself –

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

OPTIMIST PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Highlighting "The Optimist Creed"

NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ STATE /ZIP CODE: _____

SCHOOL: _____

PARENT'S PHONE: _____

PARENT'S EMAIL: _____

OPTIMIST CLUB: ___Mukwonago Optimist Club___ CLUB #: ___09911___

Line/Verse of the Optimist Creed that photo will exemplify/illustrate:

I certify that I took the picture myself:

_____ (Student's Signature)

You have permission to print the picture, information, and photo of my child:

_____ (Parent's Signature)

Due date for photo entries:

On or before September 30, 2025, in the Optimist Club Photo Contest dropbox inside the Mukwonago Community Library. If you cannot find it, please ask the librarian.

Please submit your photo with the above application. Photos should be matted (placed on cardstock to create a border) with the line of the creed on the front of the mat frame. Photos can be 4" X 6" or 5" X 7". NO PHOTOSHOPPING OF PHOTOS, ONLY CROPPING IS ALLOWED!