



# OPTIMIST CLUB of HUNTSVILLE

## KIDS SPEAK OUT SPEECH CONTEST

### Registration Form



Open to children eleven years old or younger. Write a speech using the topic following the contest rules.

### “How to Make a Difference in My Community with Optimism”

Email a copy of your speech and a completed copy of this registration form to:

[kso24@leetsac.net](mailto:kso24@leetsac.net) or mail to Optimist Club of Huntsville, P.O. Box 2230, Huntsville, AL 35804.

**Submissions must be received by 11:59 pm CST on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.**

There will be three age categories for the contest:

- 5 years old and younger.
- 6-8 years old.
- 9-11 years old.

The contest will be held:

**DATE:** Saturday, March 16, 2024

**TIME:** 10:00am CST

**LOCATION:** Huntsville-Madison County  
Public Library Downtown  
Auditorium  
915 Monroe ST SW  
Huntsville, AL 35801

The prizes for each age group will be Walmart gift cards in the amount of 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$75; 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$50; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$25. All contestants will receive a certificate of participation.

Contestant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian Permission:**

I give my permission for my child/ward to participate in this contest.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*I, \_\_\_\_\_ grant the Optimist Club of Huntsville my permission to use a picture/video of my son/daughter for their public relations purposes. The Optimist Club of Huntsville may use the photo/video in any publication they see fit.*



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## Rules

### GENERAL RULES:

1. Child must be age eleven or younger.
2. The speech will be prepared by the contestant, advice allowed as well as changes or improvements are allowed.
3. Quotes must be cited.
4. The official topic must be stated at the beginning of speech.
5. Speech must be at least two minutes long, and not exceeding three minutes.
6. A signed Parent/Guardian registration form must be included with each contestant's submission.

### CONTEST RULES:

1. Timing starts right after topic is stated.
2. Presentation text and/or notes are permissible.
3. Microphones are allowed.
4. A Drawing administered by the contest chair will determine speaking order.
5. Contestants will be judged on poise, content of speech, presentation, and overall effectiveness.
6. Three points will be deducted for failure to announce the official topic at the beginning of the speech.
7. Two points will be deducted for each fifteen seconds or portion over or under the allotted time.