

Charter Application

This application is for an *(please check one)*

Alpha (Elementary)

Junior Level (Middle School/Junior High)

Octagon Level (High School)

Club name as it will appear on charter and bylaws: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ ZIP/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Amount of Annual Dues: \$ _____

Date of Organizational Meeting: _____

Number of Charter Members: _____

Scheduled Date of Charter Presentation: _____

Location of Meetings: _____

Sponsored by: _____

District Name: _____ Club No. _____

Zone (if applicable): _____

We certify that the organizational meeting of the above Club was conducted on the date specified. The registration fee, enrollment fee and membership fee are enclosed with this application. Also enclosed are the officer information sheet, membership roster, and signed Club Bylaws.

(Authorized Official)

(Junior Optimist President Signature)

\$ _____	Enrollment Fee
\$ _____	Registration Fee
\$ _____	Membership Fee (_____ x \$ _____)
\$ _____	Total Enclosed (U.S. or Canadian equivalent)

Return to:

Junior Optimist Department
Optimist International
4494 Lindell Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63108
Fax: (314) 371-6006
juniroptimist@optimist.org

Enclosures:

Enrollment and Registration Fee
Membership Fee
Officer Information Sheet
Membership Roster
Signed Club Bylaws
New Club Form

Junior Optimist Clubs Fee Structure

(All fees are noted in U.S. dollars unless otherwise stated.)

Enrollment and Registration Fees

When chartering a new Club, the following fees should be sent to the Junior Optimist Clubs Department:

- A one-time \$50.00 enrollment fee
- A \$60.00 registration fee - prorated monthly (see chart)

These special fees are used to cover the costs of processing, start-up materials, membership cards and postage.

Membership Fees (Dues)

Only the first 50 Members of a Club pay international membership fees (dues), regardless of the total number of Members on the roster. For new charters, these fees are prorated quarterly (see chart).

Tiers are defined by the World Bank as High Income Economies (Tier 1), Upper Middle Income Economies (Tier 2) and Low and Lower Income Economies (Tier 3). For example, Clubs in the U.S. and Canada are in Tier 1. For questions about tiers, call (800) 500-8130.

Membership fees (dues) help defray the administration of the Clubs program. Administration includes, but is not limited to. Club/District awards, postage. Club supplies, District officer newsletters. Club mailings, recruitment/training videos, board meetings, *The Torch* (Member newsletter), training modules and the International Convention.

New Members may be added any time. The membership fee is pro-rated quarterly (see chart). Any members beyond 50 should be reported as new members and no dues remitted.

All Members receive a copy of *The Torch* newsletter, membership cards and member certificates.

Billing Cycle

Existing Clubs are billed once a year for registration and membership fees. These invoices are mailed to sponsoring Optimist Club Secretary-Treasurers and Club Advisers in October. Each Club should submit an annual roster with its check so the correct dues payment can be verified.

How to Determine Chartering Fees

Consult these charts to determine the proper chartering fees. A checklist/worksheet is provided at right and at the bottom of each Club charter application.

Registration Fees

<u>Month</u>	<u>U.S. or Canadian Equivalent</u>
October	\$60.00
November	\$55.00
December	\$50.00
January	\$45.00
February	\$40.00
March	\$35.00
April	\$30.00
May	\$25.00
June	\$20.00
July	\$15.00
August	\$10.00
September	\$ 5.00

Membership Fees (Dues)

Octagon and Junior Optimist Clubs

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>U.S. or Canadian Equivalent</u>
October/November/December	Tier 1 – \$10.00 / Tier 2 – \$7.40 / Tier 3 – \$5.23
January/February/March	Tier 1 – \$7.50 / Tier 2 – \$5.55 / Tier 3 – \$3.92
April/May/June	Tier 1 – \$5.00 / Tier 2 – \$3.70 / Tier 3 – \$2.61
July/August/September	Tier 1 – \$2.50 / Tier 2 – \$1.85 / Tier 3 – \$1.31

Alpha Clubs

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>U.S. or Canadian Equivalent</u>
October/November/December	Tier 1 – \$8.00 / Tier 2 – \$5.92 / Tier 3 – \$4.18
January/February/March	Tier 1 – \$6.00 / Tier 2 – \$4.44 / Tier 3 – \$3.13
April/May/June	Tier 1 – \$4.00 / Tier 2 – \$2.96 / Tier 3 – \$2.09
July/August/September	Tier 1 – \$2.00 / Tier 2 – \$1.48 / Tier 3 – \$1.04

Enrollment Fees

<u>U.S. or Canadian Equivalent</u>
\$50

Fee Worksheet

\$ _____	Enrollment Fee
+ _____ \$	Prorated Registration Fee
+ _____ \$	Prorated Membership Fees (Dues)
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	TOTAL

(NOTE: Submit this amount with the charter application and related paperwork.)