



**Optimist Club of Lancaster Inc., PA
89 Valleybrook Drive
Lancaster, PA 17601-4612**

Re: FOCUS ON OPTIMISM, 2022-2023 OPTIMIST PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Purpose: To introduce young people to the Optimist Creed and the philosophy of Optimism, while seeking to develop their interest in photography. Young people grades K5-12 are eligible.

Rules: Entrants are asked to take pictures that illustrate one of the ten tenants of the Optimist Creed. Each entrant may submit up to three (3) photos. Photos may be black-and-white or color. If a digital camera is used, the submitted photo may not be 'photo-shopped' other than cropping, or the sort of adjustment for brightness, contrast, etc. that a film photographer might do in the darkroom. Photo must be 4x6 up to an 8x10 and mounted. On the back of the photo the entry form must be placed. The line of the Creed being illustrated needs to be on the front under the picture. Only photos taken in the current school year may be used. **NO NAME ON FRONT OF PHOTO.**

Judging: The photographs will be judged based on the artistic quality of the photo as well as its illustration of the topic. The best three (3) photographs will be selected for submission as entries in the Atlantic Central District Contest.

Awards: First, Second, and Third place certificates of participation and prize money will be awarded.

Photos due: Must be received by March 17, 2023 at:
Margaret Sampson
319 Valleybrook Dr.
Lancaster, PA 17601.

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.

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 Club Lancaster
2023 Optimist Photo Contest
'Application Form'**

STUDENT NAME: _____ **GRADE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE (Parent): _____

EMAIL (Parent): _____

SCHOOL (District and Building): _____

You have my permission to print the picture and information (Parent Signature).

WHEN AND WHERE WAS THE PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN?

LINE OF THE OPTIMIST CREED

Photos must be 4x6 up to an 8x10 and mounted, with this application attached to the back.
The photos and application must be received no later than March 17, 2023.



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89 Valleybrook Drive
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TO: Schools

FOR: Distribution to Students and Teachers especially
Art, Photography and Graphic Arts Teachers

RE: Photo Contest based on Optimist Creed
Rules and Applications enclosed

DATE: January 11, 2023

Please share the enclosed information with any student who has an interest in photography. There are 3 cash prizes for the top 3 photos submitted to the Club. The top three photos are then entered in the Atlantic Central District contest.

Photos must be received by March 17, 2023.

Feel free to make as many copies as you need of the application with this letter to share with students. For any questions, contact: Tracey-Ann Hickman at 936-522-7410 or via email at hickmanta66@yahoo.com.

Photos and application form should be sent to:

Margaret Sampson
319 Valleybrook Drive
Lancaster, PA 17601.

Sincerely,

Tracey-Ann Hickman
Chair, Photo Contest
Optimist Club of Lancaster

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