



## *South Carolina Optimist District*



### **Optimist International Essay Contest**

**Topic:** "The Internet: Today's Evolution or Tomorrow's Menace?"



**Who:** Youth under the age of 19 as of December 31 of the current school year (December 31, 2009)

**How To Enter:** Interested students must write 400 word essay on the topic. "The Internet: Today's Evolution or Tomorrow's Menace?"

### **When:**

**The deadline for essays to be sent back to the District Chairperson is:**

**December 31, 2009. \*\*\*Please note change in date Essays are due\*\*\***

**Please mail essays to :**

**Linda C. Mobley  
SC Optimist District Essay Chair  
739 Goudlock Rd  
Rock Hill, SC 297321  
Phone (803)-329-5770**

\*\*\*See <http://www.optimist.org/e/member/scholarships3.cfm> for Application and Contest Rules.\*\*\*

The Essay Contest is sponsored by Optimist International to give young people the opportunity to write about their own opinions regarding the world in which they live. The approach can encompass a young person's personal experience, the experience of their country or a more historical perspective. In addition to developing skills for written expression, participants also have the opportunity to win a college scholarship of up to \$6,000!

The guidelines require that contestants be under age 19 as of December 31 of the 2009-2010 school year. Club winners advance to the District contest to compete for a \$2,500 college scholarship. Each District winner is automatically entered into the International Essay Contest where a panel of judges select the top three essays. Scholarships are awarded as follows: first place - \$6,000; second place - \$3,750; and third place - \$2,250. The District- and International-level scholarships are funded by the Optimist International Foundations.