



Student Essay Contest

Who: The contest is open to contestants under the age of 19 and in their final year of secondary school or its equivalent. There is no minimum age.

Students must reside and go to school in the Stoney Creek area.

How To Enter: Interested students must contact **The Battlefield Optimist Club**. They need to submit an essay between 700 – 800 words, 12 point Arial or Calibri font on the pre-assigned topic. Please submit essays in one of the following formats: PDF, Word Doc, or a Google Doc. Essays are judged at the Club level by independent judges.

Prizes: \$750. Scholarship for first prize

\$500. Scholarship for 2nd prize

\$350. Scholarship for 3rd prize

Assigned Topic: How will I try to contribute to and improve the community I live in after graduation. The strongest entrants will include their personal voice and commitment in this essay and not simply a theoretical response.

Please do not generate responses to this assigned topic using AI technologies.

Due Date: All entries will be in for judging by midnight EST, April 15, 2025.

Entries for the essay contest will be submitted by email, with the essay attached on a separate file, to Optsam55@gmail.com. **The subject of all emails must be: Your last name followed by "Essay Contest"**. Be sure to include in the email your full name, grade, age and school.

Winners will be notified by email by the end of May 2025.

ALL ENTRIES WILL BE TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL

If further information is required, please contact **Dave Dockray** at 905-561-0006 or **Sam Speakman** at 905-865-3178.