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Ancaster Township

## 2020 – 2021 Essay Contest

The Optimist Club of Ancaster is pleased to announce its 2020-2021 Essay Contest is now open for entries. The topic this year is “**Reaching Your Dreams by Choosing Optimism**” and will be of interest to students in grades 5 through 12.

<p><b>ESSAY CONTEST</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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!</p> <p><b>One District Scholarship of \$2,500</b></p>	 <p>Topic <b>“Reaching your Dreams by Choosing Optimism”</b></p>	
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The contest is **open to students under age 19 (as of October 1, 2020) who have not yet graduated from high school.** Entries should be between 700 and 800 words in the format specified in the contest rules.

- **\$50.00 Gift Card to Indigo** for the first-place winner and submission into the **District Essay Contest with a chance at a \$2,500 Scholarship.**
- All participants will receive a certificate of participation

***Deadline for submissions is January 31, 2021***

Application forms and contest rules can be found online at:

<https://ancasteroptimistclub.ca/essay>

For questions or to submit an entry please contact Essay Chair, Michelle Stokes at [ancasteroptimists@outlook.com](mailto:ancasteroptimists@outlook.com)