



*The Optimist Business and Professional
Club of Conejo Valley*

Official Essay Contest Rules and Regulations:

In order to qualify, all entrants must:

- Be in their junior or senior year of high school at the time of submission.
- Be enrolled at the school that is currently selected by the club to compete.
- Secure teacher's and/or counselor's and a parent's or guardian's approval to enter the contest (actually required on the application).
- Not be related to any members of the Business and Professional Optimist Club of Conejo Valley.
- Write a two-page essay (type-written in no smaller than a 10 point font, double spaced) on the topic provided by the Optimist Club (this will be on the application). Pages should each be numbered and the applicant's name should not be on them. The essay should be stapled behind the application for submission.
- Completely fill out the application and mail it, along with the essay, to the Optimist Club at the address specified on the application and postmarked by the due date for such application.
- Not enter more than one time per school year.

Other rules and regulations:

1. This competition is for a \$ 500.00 scholarship to be used towards the higher education of the contest winner. This is not a cash prize! It will be paid to the winner's college (or trade school) of choice upon his/her proof of registration for tuition fees.
2. This contest will only be conducted at high schools in the Conejo Valley Unified School District.
3. There will be three separate 'district' competitions each school year (each at different schools). In addition, each of the three 'district' contest winners' entries will be eligible for an additional grand-prize scholarship award of \$ 1,000.00, for a total scholarship of \$ 1,500.00 to the 'best of the year' winner.
4. Winners will be notified within thirty (30) days of contest start date.