

Application for the 2018-2019 Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Name _____ M F
 Address _____
 City _____
 State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____
 Telephone (____) _____ E-mail _____
 Date of Birth ____/____/____ Age _____
 Have you participated in any other Optimist Club's Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing this school year? Yes No
Audiologist Verification:
 I verify that the contestant listed above has a hearing loss of 40 decibels or more.
 Signature _____ Date ____/____/____
 Title _____

Contestant Agreement:
 I have studied the rules of the contest, and I will be bound by all of the requirements.
 Contestant's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____
 Parent or Guardian Permission:
 I give my permission for my child/ward to participate in this contest.
 Signature _____ Date ____/____/____
 Relationship _____
 I, _____ grant the Optimist Club/International my permission to use a picture of my son/daughter _____ for their public relations purposes. Optimist Club/International may use the photo in any publication they see fit.
 Sponsoring Optimist Club Name _____
 Sponsoring Optimist Club Number _____

Please send application to address below:

qualified audiologist.
 2. Contestants are eligible for only one Club's contest during any given year.
 3. Each contestant must prepare his or her own presentation with limited assistance on content. Improvements to the presentation can be made at any time.
 4. A contestant who has won a District CCDHH or CCHI scholarship is not eligible to compete at any level of the competition again.

one point for each 15 seconds or fraction of over or under the time limits. This penalty will be assessed by the timekeeper.
 9. Timing will begin immediately after the official topic is given. Timing will stop when the contestant finishes.
 10. No reference can be made that identifies the contestant, parents, school, community, sponsoring Optimist Club or District. This will result in a deduction of 5 points or a fraction of based on the degree of identification.
 11. Contestants must not be identified by name, school or sponsoring Club until all judges have left the room.
 12. Any protest in the conduct at any level of this contest must be made immediately after the condition is noted. Protests received after the next contestant has been introduced, or in the case of the last contestant, after the judges leave to total the scores, will not be accepted under any circumstances.
 13. The Contest Chair will rule on all protests in accordance with the official rules. The decision of the Contest Chair is final and no higher appeals will be recognized.

Official Rules

Section I - General Rules
 Contestants must enter through a local Optimist Club.
 The CCDHH District Chair is responsible for all phases of the contest and his or her rulings in accordance with the official rules are final.
 All competitions must be conducted by Optimists only.
 The contest date, time and place will be determined by the Contest Chair.
 All contestants must comply with the official rules of the contest.
 The official application must be completed by each contestant and submitted to the sponsoring Club's Contest Chair.
 All Zone, Regional and District level contests must have a minimum of 3 contestants participating.
 Scholarship must be used in a school located in the United States, Canada or Caribbean. All scholarships will be administered by Optimist International

Section V - Scoring
 1. Material Organization - subject adherence, theme, content, color and logic. The maximum point award is 40 points.
 2. Delivery & Presentation - delivery, gestures and emphasis. The maximum point award is 30 points.
 3. Overall Effectiveness - appeal, impression, attitude and effect. The maximum point award is 30 points.

Section II - Qualifications for Contestants
 The contest is open to young people through grade 12 in the United States and Canada, to CEGEP in Quebec and grade 13 in the Caribbean. Contestants must have an uncorrected hearing loss of 40 decibels or more in order to be eligible to participate.
 Participants must submit an audiogram (or a Cochlear Implant Programming Report) done within 24 months of the date of the contest from a

Section VI - Penalties
 1. Failure to give official topic in the first sentence - 3 points
 2. Failure to identify non-original material - disqualification
 3. Use of props, etc. - disqualification
 4. Time penalties - 1 points for each 15 seconds or fraction of over or under the limit
 5. Self-identification - 5 points or fraction of based on degree of identification

Section IV - Judging and Timing
 1. Each contest must have three judges, one timekeeper and one certified interpreter.
 2. The judges must be qualified to evaluate the presentation methods of all contestants with or without the assistance of an interpreter. (If all contestants are using sign language then at least one of the judges can be a deaf judge.)
 3. The judges and timekeepers must not be identified in any pre-publicity or at the contest until after the contest has been completed.
 4. Judges are not permitted to discuss or compare scores or opinions on any of the contestants with

For more information contact:
 SPONSORING CLUB SHOULD POST CONTACT INFORMATION HERE
 Contact person: _____
 Contact address: _____
 Contact phone or email: _____