

# 2024 - Illinois District Optimist Poster Contest

## “Respect Others: Everyone Belongs Here”

### Rules for Entry

- Poster Contest is open to Illinois residents for students in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades.
- Two divisions - one for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades and one for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades.
- Each Club may submit one winner from each of the two divisions.
- Posters shall not have been entered in any previous Optimist Contest.
- Students are allowed to enter only one Optimist Club's Poster Contest.
- Posters must be on poster or illustration board - 14" x 22" (horizontal or vertical) and have a flat surface with no moving parts.
- Posters shall include only original artwork. No computer-generated pictures or wording are allowed. Poster designs may not incorporate any photographs, magazine or newspaper illustrations.
- Dark colors show best, and markers, paints, crayons and colored paper all work well on posters.
- The Contest slogan is: “**Respect Others: Everyone Belongs Here**”. **THESE WORDS MUST BE ON THE FRONT OF EACH POSTER.** Illustrations must be used in addition to words and must be related to the contest slogan.
- District winners will receive \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place and \$50 for third place. All winners will receive prize ribbons. Checks and letters of congratulation will be sent to each winner at the address on their Entry Form.
- Clubs may enter their winning posters (one from the 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> grade division and one from the 5<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> grade division) by taking a picture of each and sending the .jpg file to [charles.c.mayhew01@gmail.com](mailto:charles.c.mayhew01@gmail.com) With each picture please include a separate picture of the completed entry form that includes the student's full name, address, phone number, grade, school name, teacher's name and the name of the Optimist Club submitting the entry.
- **All entries must be received by Friday, April 5, 2024** to be eligible for judging. Winners will be announced during the April 12-13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 District Conference.
- **A \$10 District entry fee, paid by the local Optimist Club, must accompany each poster entered.** Checks should be made out to: Illinois District – Optimist International. For each entry, please send \$10 to the Illinois District Secretary-Treasurer, Charles Mayhew, at the following address:

Charles Mayhew  
Illinois District Secretary-Treasurer  
423 South Douglas Avenue  
Belleville, IL 62220-3709

Any Questions – Please contact Poster Contest Chairperson – Charles Mayhew  
(618) 806-5145 or [charles.c.mayhew01@gmail.com](mailto:charles.c.mayhew01@gmail.com)



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