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*Optimist Club of Vancouver
Club No. 32-185
Pacific Northwest District*



Scholarship Opportunity

The Optimist Club of Vancouver would like to invite any youth up to the age of 19 as of October 1, 2018, to participate in our local public speaking contest (**Oratorical Contest**). The local club competition will be at the Vancouver Police East Precinct, 520 SE 155th Avenue (at Mill Plain Boulevard) Vancouver, Washington 98686. The date is Saturday, **March 9, 2019** at 10:00 a.m. You should arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. Doors will open by 9:00 a.m. You will be given next step information about a zone then district competition.

Each winner of the Pacific Northwest District level contest will receive a scholarship for use at a college, university or trade school only. **In a combined gender contest, there will be three winners awarded scholarships of \$2,500, \$1,500, and \$1,000 respectively for first, second and third place winners.**

There will be one winner at the Regional Level of a \$5,000 scholarships. Winners at the Regional Level will be eligible to compete in the World Championship Contest with awards being \$15,000, \$10,000, and \$5,000 for first, second and third place respectively.

Participants do not have to live in Vancouver. This is a tremendous opportunity for young people to develop confidence, public speaking skills and leadership qualities.

Please be prepared to provide two copies of the application form, typed copy of your speech and birth certificate no later than **March 5, 2019**. Thanks again for your enthusiasm and participation.

Topic: “Is there a Fine Line Between Optimism and Reality.”

More detailed information can be found on the Optimist International web site at www.optimistinternational.org. Go to scholarships then Oratorical for more information.

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Participants pay no entry fees!!