



OPTIMIST CLUB OF MINOT

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## **Local Student Wins Optimist Club Essay Contest**

MINOT, ND – Kaisa Moilan, a Senior at Our Redeemer's Christian School, recently won the Optimist Club of Minot's essay contest based on a theme of "Today's Choices Shape My Future."

Moilan was awarded a \$200.00 Savings bond and 1<sup>st</sup> place medal for the honor. In addition, the essay will be sent to the district level to be judged along with winners from other Optimist Clubs in the district. The winner of the district competition will be sent to the international-level contest. College scholarships are available for top winners at the district and international levels.

"Kaisa did a wonderful job of articulating this year's theme. She expressed herself well through the essay and deserved the honor of first place," Club President Gail Slinde said.



The Optimist Club of Minot has been participating in the Optimist Essay Contest for a number years and has been active in the community since 1978. Other programs and service projects that the Club is involved in include a Community Halloween Event, Respect for Law Awards Luncheon and Summer Safety Fair.

Optimist International is one of the world's largest service club organizations with 120,000 adult and youth members in 3,800 clubs in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and Mexico and throughout the world. Carrying the motto "Bringing Out the Best in Kids," Optimists conduct positive service projects that reach more than six million young people each year. To learn more about Optimist International, please call (314) 371-6000 or visit the organization's website at [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org).

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