



OPTIMIST CLUB OF MINOT

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## Local Optimist Club to Sponsor Essay Contest for Students

MINOT, ND – The Optimist Club of [Minot](#) is encouraging area students to expound on the phrase “Today’s Choices Shape My Future” as part of the Optimist International Essay Contest for 2008.

The Optimist Club will judge the local students’ essays, based on the theme of “Today’s Choices Shape My Future,” and determine the top winners. Winners will receive [a savings bond a medallion](#) and the winning essays will be sent to the district level. Essays will be judged at the district level, and each district will send top entries to the international level. College scholarships are available for top winners at the district and international levels.

“Young students today have so many fresh ideas about the world and their future,” Club President [Gail Slinde](#) said. “As Optimists, it is our goal to encourage them and do what we can to bring out the best in each of them. This gives them a wonderful opportunity to tap into their creativity and pursue possible scholarships at the same time.”



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 [the Annual Community Halloween Event at the MSU dome](#) and [the Be A Better Biker youth safety event](#).

Students wishing to participate in the essay contest can find out more about the contest by contacting the club at [701-857-5099](tel:701-857-5099). The Club Chairperson for this event is [Sue Evenson](#). The contest entry deadline is [January 28, 2008](#).

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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