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The Optimist Club of Claremore participates in the Optimist International Essay Contest. The theme for the current competition is: **"How My Positive Outlook Benefits My Community."**

The Claremore Optimist Club will accept entries and judge the local students' essays, based on the theme, and determine the top winners. The winning essay will be entered in the Oklahoma District Competition, and be eligible for scholarships of up to \$650. The District winner will be entered in the International Competition where first prize is a scholarship of \$6,000.00.

The Contest is open to Students under age 18 as of December 31, 2011. The essay must be between 700 and 800 words. (Title, footnotes and bibliography are not included in the final word count.) Scoring is based on Organization, Style, Grammar, Neatness and Adherence to Rules (see rule sheet).

Prizes are sponsored by RCB Bank and are as follows:

1st Place: \$200 Savings Bond

2nd Place: \$100 Savings Bond

3rd Place: \$50 Savings Bond

The 1st Place winner's essay will be send to the Oklahoma District for the state contest for a chance to win \$600. The 1st place winner of our contest must submit a copy of the student's birth certificate (required by Optimist International) with state entry.

Registration forms are available on www.claremoreoptimist.org. Deadline for submissions January 25, 2012. If you have any questions call Dori Arnold at 918-341-0959 or Tanya Andrews at 918-341-8688.

Please mail registration and essay to:
Claremore Optimist Club
Essay Contest
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