

The Surf City Optimist Club



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Ocean View School District

proudly present

The 2021 Essay Contest

The theme this year is:

**“Reaching your Dreams by
Choosing Optimism?”**

The contest is open to all middle school students.

The essay must be typed, double spaced with no more than 800 words. Entries must have a title page with a topic, number of words, writer's name, address, phone number, name of school and date of birth. Please do not identify yourself, your parents, your school, the specific Optimist Club, or your community in the body of the essay. Your essay will be judged by how you organize the material (logical interpretation of the subject), creativity, grammar, punctuation, spelling, neatness, and proper format (typed doubled spaced under 800 words).

The typed copy of your essay is due to the office on **Tuesday, February 23rd**. There will be no exceptions. Selected semi-finalists will move on for administration, teachers, and staff members to judge the week of **March 1st**

Our school will select two finalists who will compete against the other schools and scholarships prizes! Winners will then advance to the Optimist Zone Competition for a chance to win \$2,500 scholarships at the District Finals!

Good Luck!