



Trenton-Dade Optimist Club **Photography Contest 2025**

Highlighting “The Optimist Creed”

Photographers for the contest should be students at any age up through high school and prior to post-secondary education. **Students are asked to submit photos that illustrate/exemplify one of the ten verses/lines of “The Optimist Creed”.**

Purpose

To expose young people to “The Optimist Creed” and our philosophy of Optimism and to assist them with developing an interest in the area of photography.

Rules

1. Students from ages 5-18 years are qualified to enter.
2. The club will select three winning photos to be identified as a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. There will be a small cash prize for each winner. All contestants will receive a participation certificate. Entries will be displayed at the Dade County Library in Trenton or in the Alliance for Dade Cornerstone Gallery at the Historic Courthouse.
3. Photos are to be judged for the photographic quality and for how well the photo illustrates/exemplifies the verse of the Optimist Creed, which is identified on the photo mat frame. A beautiful photograph which does not match the Creed statement it attempts to illustrate, is not necessarily better than a lesser photo that is more to the point.
4. Photos may be any of these sizes: 4” x 6”, 5” x 7”, or 8” x 10”, black and white or color photo. NO photo-shopping enhancements should be used other than basic cropping.
5. Photos should be matted, with “The Optimist Creed” verse/line stated clearly on the front of the mat frame, so judges will know what the photo is to exemplify. The photographer’s name and other identifying information, including **the entry form should be attached to the back.**
6. Each student photographer is allowed to submit more than one photo, up to three. However, no contestant may be awarded prizes for more than one photo.
7. Photos may be dropped off at the Alliance for Dade Office on the square at the Historic Courthouse 10:00am - 5:00pm by **no later than July 21st.** Judging will be completed by August 5th.

The Optimist Creed - Promise Yourself:

1. To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
2. To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
3. To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
4. To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
5. To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.
6. To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
7. To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
8. To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
9. To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others

10. To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

TRENTON-DADE OPTIMIST PHOTO CONTEST 2025 ENTRY FORM

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NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

SCHOOL _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL _____

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Line/Verse of the Optimist Creed that photo will exemplify: _____

I certify that I took the photograph myself _____
(Student’s Signature)

You have permission to display the submitted photograph and name of my child.

(Parent’s Signature)

DUE DATE: No later than July 21, 2025

SUBMISSION LOCATION: Alliance for Dade Visitor’s Center in Historic Courthouse

ENTRY FORM: Place on the back of each photo (max of three)

DISPLAY REQUIREMENT: Photo mounted in a frame mat with line of creed on the front of the mat frame

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE THE ORIGINAL WORK OF THE APPLICANT WITH NO PHOTOSHOPPING OF PHOTOS, ONLY CROPPING IS ALLOWED