

# What will your legacy be?

What will you leave behind when you're finished? What will people say when you're not around? Will you have made planet Earth a little better place than when you arrived? Have you offered other people an opportunity to better themselves?

## Optimists... A Legacy of Bringing Out the Best in Kids!

For almost a century Optimist International has seen to the betterment of children and their communities. Through the volunteer efforts of millions of people, the world in which they live is made a better place. Optimists leave a legacy of caring, sharing, leadership and love.

Optimist communities in the United States, Canada and the nations of the Caribbean sponsor a wide range of activities. From one of the world's finest youth golf tournaments (Optimist International Junior Golf Championships) to trying to find a cure for childhood cancer through the Childhood Cancer Campaign to conducting oratorical and essay contests for young people — Optimists respond to the special needs of their local and global communities.

## Make Optimism a part of your legacy

We ask you to become a Friend of Optimists.\* A Friend of Optimists has all the rights and privileges of a regular Optimist Member with the exception of voting at the International and District Conventions. This includes a membership card, four issues of *The Optimist* magazine and a frameable copy of The Optimist Creed. A Friend of Optimists shall only be covered under Optimist International's insurance when participating in an Optimist Club or District activity.

\*Must be 18 years or older

## Please support Optimism!

How do you want to be known for making everyone around you feel that there is something special in them? By becoming a Friend of Optimists you demonstrate to the children and leaders in your community that you care about them being the very best that they can be. Your support allows the volunteer work of others to continue to reach millions of children worldwide.



Becoming a Friend of Optimists allows you to leave your community a little better than when you found it.

[www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org)

## Friend of Optimists Application



Is the membership a gift?  Yes  No

(Shipping address) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(Billing address if different) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored by Optimist Club (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Payment method  Check  Money Order  MasterCard  Visa  American Express  Discover

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cardholder's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: Optimist International (\$100 US annually)  
Return to Optimist International, Attn: Membership Department, 4494 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108.



## About Optimist International

Meeting the needs of young people in communities worldwide, Optimist Clubs have been "Bringing Out the Best in Kids" since 1919. Optimist Clubs conduct positive service projects aimed at providing a helping hand to youth. Club Members are best known in their communities for their upbeat attitudes. By believing in young people and empowering them to be the best they can, Optimist volunteers continually make this world a better place to live. There are 105,000 individual Members who belong to more than 3,200 autonomous Clubs. Optimists conduct 65,000 service projects each year, serving six million young people. Optimists also spend \$78 million on their communities annually.

## Mission Statement

Optimist International's mission is to foster an optimistic way of life, through a network of optimists, dedicated to the full development of their potential in order to provide ever-expanding service to youth, the community and the world.



# The Optimist Creed

## *Promise Yourself—*

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

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