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**Maryland South Delaware Optimists
First Place Winner--\$650**

**Optimist International Level
First Place Winner--\$5,000
Second Place Winner--\$3,000
Third Place Winner--\$2,000**

Topic: "The Power of One"

Length: 400-500 Words

When: Now Through January, 2005

[Greater Jacksonville Optimist Essay Contest Deadline is January 31, 2005](#)

Who: Youth under the age of 19 as of December 31, 2004

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The Essay Contest was first sponsored in 1983. Each Optimist District conducts competitions beginning at the Club level for youth under the age of 19. Club winners advance to the District contest where the winner receives a \$650 college scholarship.

Each District winner is automatically entered into the Optimist International Essay contest where a panel of judges selects the top three essays. Scholarships are awarded as follows: first place-\$5,000; second place-\$3,000; and third place-\$2,000. In addition to the scholarship, the first-place International winner will receive an expense-paid trip with his/her parents to the Optimist International Convention in New Orleans, July 2005.