



COMMUNICATION CONTEST FOR THE DEAF & HARD OF HEARING

This contest offers an opportunity for students who are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing to present their thoughts in the community, gaining skills, which can only come from signing or speaking to a large audience. Patterned after the Optimist Oratorical Contest, the contest offers youth the chance to compete in speech or sign language with the chance to win a college scholarship.

Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH)

Topic for the 2024 school year is: "How to Change the World with Optimism"

Prize: 1st \$500 - 2nd \$300 - 3rd \$200

Deadline: Feb 5, 2024

This contest offers an opportunity for children who are deaf or hard of hearing to present their thoughts in the community, gaining skills, which can only come from signing or speaking to a large audience.

Who can enter: The contest is open to young people through grade 12 within the St. Louis Community.

Contestants make a 4-5 minute presentation on the assigned topic.

Please submit this application and the Optimist International official application located here: https://optimist.org/documents/2024/programs/23-24_CCDHH_Application.pdf

Students Full Name: _____ Grade Level _____
Name of School _____
Parent/guardian/teacher Full Name _____
Phone Number _____ Email _____

Attend the CCDHH event where the youth will present in front of judges and at the end winners will be announced.

Event:

Date: Feb 17th, 2023 at 1:00 PM CST

Location: City Academy - 4175 Kingshighway Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63115

Students must submit the results of an audiogram completed no longer than 24 months prior to the date of the contest by a qualified audiologist. Students must be certified to have an uncorrected hearing loss of 40 decibels or more, which must be supported by the audiogram in order to be eligible to compete. Students with permanent correction should compete in the Optimist International Oratorical contest.



Contact the Optimist Club of St. Louis with any questions at: optimistmo@gmail.com