

Need Ways to Make Instruction Meaningful for Your Students?

The Abilities Optimist Club of Tucson Can Help with 2 Contests in 2019!

By participating in one of two contests, students can increase their skills in the ECC areas of:

- Technology: using technology for writing
- Social interaction: practicing and presenting to a group
- Compensatory academic: writing a high quality essay
- Orientation and mobility: planning and following a route to come to a meeting of the Abilities Optimist Club of Tucson

Contests are open to students who are under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2019 and not enrolled in college.

The Abilities Optimist Club will award two \$50 prizes for each contest!

1. **Essay Contest:** Students must write a 700-800 word essay on the topic **"When All the World's Problems are Solved, is Optimism Still Necessary"**.

Date to Submit the Essay: February 7, 2019. Email the essay to Murry Everson at murryeverson@gmail.com.

Optional Reading of the Essay: February 21, 2019 at 5:30 PM at the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind, 1200 W. Speedway, Tucson, AZ. Location information will be provided when essays are received.

2. **Oratorical (Speech) Contest:** Students must develop a 4-5 minute speech on the topic **"Is There a Fine Line Between Optimism and Reality?"**.

Date to Give the Speech: April 18, 2018 at 6 PM at the Ward 6 Office, 3202 E. 1st Street, Tucson, AZ.

What Happens Next: Essays and speeches of high quality will be entered into the district level competition, with a \$2,500 scholarship as a prize.

Who to Contact: For more information contact Murry Everson at murryeverson@gmail.com or (520) 235-2582.

Find specifics about the contests at:

<http://www.arizonaoptimists.com/scholarshipopportunities/oratoricalcontest.html>