



Scholarship Opportunity for Writers!

Calling All Students Under 19!

Are you passionate about making a difference? Share your story in our exciting essay contest and earn a chance to win amazing prizes!

Who Can Enter?

- Any junior high/high school student who is under 19 as of 10/1/2025

Essay Topic

"How My Acts of Service Help Me Understand What My Community Means to Me."

Prizes & Recognition

- First Place: **\$250 cash** prize, and advances to the State level for a chance to **win a \$2500 scholarship for college or vocational training!!!**
- Second Place: **\$150 cash** prize
- Third Place: **\$100 cash** prize
- Top Ten Essays: Recognized at a special awards ceremony! **Winners receive certificates and yummy prizes/gift cards from local businesses.**

How to Enter

1. Email westdesmoinesoptimists@gmail.com to request the official scoring rubrics or to submit your essay.
2. Final deadline to receive essays, between 700 to 800 words, is **1/23/2026!!!**
3. Follow the guidelines provided and showcase your unique experiences of service!

Don't Miss This Opportunity!

Make your voice heard, celebrate your service, and win great prizes. Start writing your essay today and take the first step toward making a lasting impact!

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