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### **Local Optimist Club to Sponsor Essay Contest for Students**

Stoughton, WI- The Optimist Club of Stoughton is encouraging area students to contemplate the phrase “How My Positive Outlook Benefits My community” as part of the Optimist International Essay Contest for 2012.

The Optimist Club will judge the local students’ essays, based on the theme of “How My Positive Outlook Benefits My Community” and determine the top winners. Winners will receive awards and the winning essays will be sent to the district level. Essays will be judged at the district level, and each district will send the top entries to the international level. College scholarships are available for top winners at the district level. District winners are entered into the international-level judging, and one first-place winner will be awarded and engraved plaque and recognition in *The Optimist* magazine.

Students under the age of 18 as of December 31, 2011, are eligible to participate.

The Optimist Club of Stoughton has been participating in the Optimist Essay Contest for many years and has been an active part of the community for over 40 years.

Please have all essays handed in by January 15, 2012. Students wishing to participate in the essay contest can find out more by contacting Linda Olson at 877-4108 or visit our website at [www.stoughtonoptimist.org](http://www.stoughtonoptimist.org).

Note: Please drop off your speech  
at the Stoughton AnchorBank office  
or email to lolson@anchorbank.com  
by January 15, 2012