

2015-2016 Optimist of the Year Guidelines

Each club is encouraged to honor a member as their Optimist of the Year and to nominate that candidate for recognition as the Zone Optimist of the Year.

Each Zone is encouraged to nominate the Zone winner as a candidate for the District Optimist of the Year Award.

Cover Letter:

1. Cover letter must contain the following information:
 - a. Optimist of the Year 2015-2016
 - b. Nebraska District Optimist Information
 - c. Name of the Nominee/Candidate
 - d. Name of the Optimist Club with Club Number
2. Cover letter should contain a referral number for the candidate –zone number dash 1 (i.e.: Z1-1). (The referral number for the candidate allows for the cover page to be removed so the candidates are not identified as the nominations are evaluated by the selections committee of the zone and district.)
3. Include the referral number on each page of the written nomination letter.
4. The cover letter should contain the recommendation from the club president or person making the nomination.

Nomination Letter:

1. Top right hand corner of each page should contain the referral number.
2. The Candidates name or club name should **NEVER** be used in the nomination letter.
3. The nomination letter should contain the following:
 - a. What has this Optimist member contributed **THIS** year to your club?
 - b. Why does this Optimist member stand out above other Optimist members of your club?
 - c. Has this Optimist member volunteered for a club officer position or chaired a committee/project for your club **THIS** year.
 - d. How long has this Optimist been a member of your club?

This is a nomination for **Nebraska District Optimist of the Year Award** and should contain only accomplishments for the current year. This will give our new members an opportunity to earn this award.

Club winners must be submitted to the Lt. Governor of each Zone by September 30, 2016.

Zone winners must be submitted to the District Chairperson by November 1, 2016.

Zone and District Optimist of the Year awards will be presented at the Second Quarterly Conference in 2017.

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