



Purpose: As friends and supporters of the youth in Winterset, the Winterset Optimist Club would like to formally recognize Senior students at Winterset High School and homeschool students living within Winterset that exemplify outstanding character and achievement that aligns to the Optimist Creed. By recognizing these outstanding students and young citizens it is our hope that they will continue to live the Optimist Creed and be examples for others to follow. Investing in these young adults and honoring them for their achievements will encourage them to continue to lead by example and give back to their community.

General Overview of the Program:

1. Youth of the Month recognition will occur on the regularly scheduled Optimist Club Meeting on the **2nd Friday** of the following months
 - a. November, January, March, May, July, September
2. Students will be nominated by a high school faculty member, community member, or other citizen within our community who can speak to the character of the student. All nominations will need to be submitted on the attached nomination form.
3. The Optimist Youth of the Month Committee will review all nominations that are submitted and notify the selected students and their parents. The student and their parents will be invited to attend our regularly scheduled meeting on the **2nd Friday** of the above listed months.
4. Students who are recognized as Students of the Month will receive a \$50 gift card and the Winterset Optimist Club will present \$100 in the student's name to the charity of their choice.

Optimist Youth of the Month Committee Members: Justin Gross, Randy McDonald, Jon Barrett, and Gary Binns

**Winterset Optimist Club
Youth of the Month Nomination Form**

Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself -

- *To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.*
- *To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.*
- *To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.*
- *To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.*
- *To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.*
- *To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.*
- *To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.*
- *To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.*
- *To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.*
- *To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.*

Please provide the following information:

Student Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Student Email: _____

Parents Phone Number: _____

After reviewing the Optimist Creed please explain why you are nominating this student to be considered as Student of the Month (what traits outlined in the creed does the student demonstrate?)

Signature of Person Completing the Nomination: _____

Relationship to the Student: _____