



JOOI AWARDS

Incentives for JOOI District Officers, Club Officers and Members

Rewarding the Best!

Probably the main reason you joined JOOI was to help make a difference in your community and to meet other young people who feel the way you do. As your Club holds activities, fundraisers and other projects, don't forget to share your accomplishments with other JOOI Members. Share your successes in your Club bulletin, at your District conference and by entering the following contests. Sharing what you've learned throughout the year is how other Clubs learn to make a difference, too.

JOOI awards aren't just rewards for Clubs to conduct community service projects. Rather, the awards should inspire you to share what your Club or District does best. Some awards are simple and easy, others are more challenging and take determination to accomplish.

JUST LOOK AT ALL THE GREAT PRIZES YOU CAN EARN!

Type	Prize
Honor Club	Banner Patch and President's Certificate
Distinguished Honor Club	Banner Patch, President's Certificate, and President's Wrist Watch with JOOI logo
Club Project Awards	First Place Winners-\$50, Official JOOI Certificate and banner patch Second Place Winners- Official JOOI Certificate and banner patch All Clubs entering will receive a banner patch
JOOI Club Builder Award	Banner Patch and Official JOOI Certificate
Club Bulletin Recognition Award	Official JOOI Certificate
JOOI President's Citation	Official JOOI Certificate
Ruby Blair JOOI Member of the Year	Plaque, Recognition during annual JOOI Convention
Member of Excellence Scholarship	College Scholarship worth \$2,000
Distinguished JOOI Governor	JOOI Class Ring
Outstanding JOOI Governor	
New Club Building Winner Award	College Scholarship worth \$2,000
Club Services Award	College Scholarship worth \$2,000

For dedicated Optimist JOOI Club Sponsors and Chairs, and Optimist District Governors, we have the following awards:

District Chairman's Excellence Award	A Beautiful Wooden Clock
Adviser of Excellence	Plaque, Recognition during annual JOOI Convention

Winning These JOOI Awards Makes Your College Application and Job Résumé Look Good!

Successful JOOI Clubs also earn recognition from their sponsor Clubs, local business leaders, their schools during assemblies and Parent-Teacher Meetings and from their communities during special events.

More and more high schools are requiring community service activities as graduation requirements. And, young people who volunteer are given special consideration when interviewing for college scholarships and jobs.

These are just some of the reasons it is important to volunteer and to be the best!

If you have any questions, call the JOOI Clubs staff at (800) 500-8130.

You can e-mail youthClubs@optimist.org or mail to:

**JOOI Clubs Department,
Optimist International,
4494 Lindell Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63108
Fax: (314) 371-6006**

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JOOI Member Awards

MEMBER EXCELLENCE AWARD

Each year the Member Excellence Award will be presented to one JOOI Member who shows dedication in the fields of JOOI Club involvement and community service. This award represents the true philanthropic spirit of JOOI and should be considered a great honor.

All nominations and support materials must be received at the International Office no later than June 1st.

The screening process will begin with the Staff Review Committee at Optimist International. The top five applicants will be forwarded to the JOOI Board of Directors who will select the winner of the scholarship at the JOOI Board Meeting held in July prior to the JOOI Convention. The winner will be announced at the JOOI Convention.

Requirements:

1. Acceptance to a post-secondary educational institution with full-time status
2. JOOI membership for at least one year at the time of application
3. Completion of the official Member Excellence Scholarship Application Form and all other required documentation
4. Letter of support from JOOI adviser

(In addition to the letter of support from the JOOI Adviser, the applicant is encouraged to submit other letters of support from school and community leaders.)

Member Excellence Award

NOMINATION FORM

Please accept this application for the Member Excellence Award. I have read the requirements listed for this award and have attached all necessary materials.

(Please print or type)

Member Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov.: _____ Country: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax Number: (_____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Club Name: _____ Club #: _____

Sponsor Club Name (if applicable): _____ Club #: _____

District Name: _____

JOOI Member Since: Month _____ Year _____

JOOI Offices Held: _____

JOOI Accomplishments: _____

Please list your involvement in any community service activities and dates conducted (service time is not limited to JOOI related projects):

(Please use separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

Signature: _____ Date: _____ / _____ / _____

This completed form with support materials must be sent directly to the JOOI Clubs Department at Optimist International no later than **June 1**.

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St. Louis, MO 63108
Fax (314) 371-6006

JOOI Member Awards

JOOI PRESIDENT'S CITATION

Each year, many individual JOOI Members make JOOI a major priority in their lives by devoting more time and energy to volunteer service than their fellow JOOI Members. In their honor, the JOOI President's Citation was created! Here's your chance to recognize and nominate those young people who have gone all out to promote and support JOOI to their school and community. The JOOI President's Citation recipient will be chosen by the JOOI Club President. This award provides Club Members with the opportunity to be recognized for their accomplishments by receiving an International award.

All nominations must be received at the International Office no later than **April 1**.

The JOOI Governor will present the recipient of the award with an Official JOOI Certificate at their District JOOI Conference.

Requirements:

1. All JOOI Members who have not held a District title are eligible for nominations. Do not nominate current or past District or International JOOI officers.
2. Candidates must have an established membership in a JOOI Club with a charter date no later than February 1. (NOTE: Transferring your membership from one Club level to another is acceptable.)
3. All candidate entries must include a signed letter of recommendation from either their JOOI Club adviser, JOOI Club Chair or sponsor Club President.

JOOI President's Citation NOMINATION FORM

Please accept this application for the JOOI President's Citation Award. I have read the requirements listed for this award and have attached the necessary materials.

(Please print or type)

Member Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov.: _____ Country: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax Number: (_____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Club Name: _____ Club #: _____

Sponsor Club Name: _____ Club #: _____

District Name: _____

JOOI Member Since: Month _____ Year _____

JOOI Offices Held: _____

JOOI Accomplishments: _____

Why does this person deserve to be recognized? Personal Comments:

(Please use separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

Signature: _____ Date: _____ / _____ / _____

This completed form with support materials must be sent directly to the JOOI Clubs Department at Optimist International no later than April 1.

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RUBY BLAIR JOOI MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Each year, this international award recognizes one outstanding Member of the JOOI organization. The Ruby Blair Award is named for a former staff Member of Optimist International who spent a huge amount of time and effort to help organize the international administration of JOOI. Ruby Blair's efforts gave JOOI Club Members their own newsletter, awards, training, materials and convention. This award is considered a great honor.

All nominations and support materials must be received at the International Office no later than **June 15**.

The International JOOI Board of Directors will judge all entries. Their decision is final. The winner will be honored at the JOOI Convention.

Requirements:

1. All JOOI Members who have not held a District title are eligible for nominations. Do not nominate current or past District or International JOOI officers.
2. Candidates must have an established membership in a JOOI Club with a charter date no later than February 1. (NOTE: Transferring your membership from one Club level to another is acceptable.)
3. All candidate entries must include a signed letter of recommendation from their JOOI Club adviser.

Ruby Blair JOOI Member of the Year NOMINATION FORM

Please accept this application for the Ruby Blair JOOI Member of the Year Award. I have read the requirements listed for this award and have attached the necessary materials.

(Please print or type)

Member Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov.: _____ Country: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax Number: (_____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Club Name: _____ Club #: _____

Sponsor Club Name: _____ Club #: _____

District Name: _____

JOOI Member Since: Month _____ Year _____

JOOI Offices Held: _____

JOOI Accomplishments: _____

Why does this person deserve to be recognized? Personal Comments:

(Please use separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

Signature: _____ Date: _____ / _____ / _____

This completed form with support materials must be sent directly to the JOOI Clubs Department at Optimist International **no later than June 15.**

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JOOI Club Awards

CLUB PROJECT AWARDS

Every year, the Club Project Awards offer JOOI Clubs the chance to enter their best projects for judging and international recognition in three different categories. All Alpha, Junior Optimist and Octagon Clubs in good standing are eligible. Winners are featured in *The Torch*, and the projects are listed on the Optimist/JOOI Web site. Remember to include lots of photos of your Members in action!

The official categories are:

Citizenship Projects

Fundraising Projects

Joint Activities/Projects with Sponsoring Optimist Club

Only one project in each category per Club is eligible to place as an international winner in each category. The Alpha Club and Junior Optimist Club entries will be judged separately from the Octagon Club entries unless fewer than 30 books are submitted. In addition, the judges reserve the right to combine categories with a small number of entries. The decisions of the judges are final.

Club Project Awards must be received by the JOOI Clubs Department at the International Office no later than Sept. 30. Mail to:

Optimist International
JOOI Clubs Department
4494 Lindell Boulevard
St. Louis MO 63108

CLUB PROJECT FORM

Club Name: _____ Club #: _____ Project Date: _____

Name of Project: _____

Type of Project: Community Service Fundraising Joint with Sponsoring Club Social/Fun

Number of Members Participated _____

Number of Adults Participated _____

Number of People Served _____

Amount of Money Raised \$ _____

Number of Hours Worked _____

Give a brief description of the Project:

Please attach any Back-up materials such as pictures, programs, announcements, newspaper clippings, etc. that you feel would help someone else understand how to conduct this project. Any materials that you submit with this form will not be returned to you. Must be submitted no later than **September 30**.

Mail form and materials to: **JOOI Clubs Department
Optimist International
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St. Louis, MO 63108**

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CLUB BULLETIN RECOGNITION AWARD

Application and Requirements

To earn special recognition for your Club bulletin, form letter or newsletter, please return this form along with four samples by **September 30**, to the JOOI Clubs Department at Optimist International. If your Club distributes its newsletter via the internet, please enclose copies with your application form.

Do you publish your bulletins weekly, monthly or quarterly? They can still be counted in this award, as long as they are distributed to all Members of your Club. Try to include the following items in all issues: Meeting reminders, Sponsor Club activities, and District/International meeting details.

(Please print or type)

JOOI Club Name: _____ Club # _____

Sponsoring Optimist Club: _____ Club # _____

JOOI Club President: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax Number: (_____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

JOOI Club Bulletin Editor: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax Number: (_____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Optimist Club Youth Chairperson: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax Number: (_____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Signature of JOOI Club President: _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

Signature of Optimist Club Youth Chairperson: _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

HONOR CLUB AWARD/DISTINGUISHED HONOR CLUB AWARD

Every year this award recognizes hundreds of JOOI Clubs that recruit new Members, keep good records and conduct great volunteer projects. All Alpha, Junior Optimist and Octagon Clubs in good standing can earn the Honor Club Award. To qualify for the Distinguished Honor Club Award, your Club must also help build a new JOOI Club.

The JOOI Clubs Department must receive this application and your support materials at the International Office no later than **September 30**. **Please do not submit duplicate copies of your membership roster or election report.**

Application and Checklist

(Please print or type)

JOOI Club Name: _____ Club # _____

JOOI Club President: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax Number: (_____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Has your Club earned the Blue Ribbon or Honor Club Award in the past? Yes No If yes, what year? _____

1. Membership/Growth — Your Club must add at least one Member to its roster during the year. If your Club has 75 members or more, you will just need to maintain your October 1 membership.
Members as of October 1: _____ Members as of September 30: _____
2. Club Roster & Election Report — Your Club must submit a Club roster for the current year as well as an election report for the following year.
Date current roster sent: ____/____/____ Date following year's election report sent: ____/____/____
3. Annual Fees — Your Club must submit its annual registration fee and membership fee (dues) to the International Office.
Date annual registration fee paid: ____/____/____ Date membership fee (dues) paid: ____/____/____
4. Club Projects — Your Club must complete at least one project in each of these categories during the current year: Community Service, Fundraising, Joint Project with Sponsoring Optimist Club.
Number of community service projects completed: _____
Number of fundraising projects completed: _____
Number of joint projects with sponsoring Optimist Club completed: _____
Total number of service hours spent on the projects listed above: _____
5. Your Club must complete and submit the Annual JOOI Club Report Form by October 31.
6. Your Club must have a minimum of 8 members.
7. **New JOOI Club — Your Club must assist with the building of a new JOOI Club. (NOTE: This requirement is for the Distinguished Honor Club Award only.)**

New Club Name: _____ **Date Chartered:** ____/____/____

New Sponsoring Optimist Club: _____ **Club #:** _____

JOOI CLUB BUILDER AWARD

In order to help ensure the success of your new JOOI Club, this follow-up plan has been created. Once the items have been completed, we encourage your sponsor Club to continue working with you and your JOOI Club as much as possible.

1. During the FIRST MONTH, assist your new Club with the planning of three programs/topics and present one orientation program. The orientation program should include a review of the Honor Club, Distinguished Honor Club, Community Service, New Club Builder and Club Bulletin awards (details for each are in this manual). The orientation should also inform your JOOI Club about membership drives, fundraising, community service projects, JOOI District meetings, and the annual JOOI Convention.

Date Completed _____ / _____ / _____

2. During the SECOND MONTH, Members of your sponsor Club should attend at least one JOOI Club meeting.

Date Completed _____ / _____ / _____

3. During the THIRD MONTH, an Optimist Club/JOOI Club joint activity should be held/planned.

Date Completed _____ / _____ / _____

Assisting JOOI Club Name: _____ Club #: _____

Sponsoring Optimist Club: _____ Club #: _____

New JOOI Club Name: _____

Sponsoring Optimist Club: _____ Club #: _____

Please make this document part of your JOOI Club's permanent file by sending it to:

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St. Louis, MO 63108
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E-mail: youthClubs@optimist.org

DISTINGUISHED JOOI GOVERNOR

This award recognizes each JOOI Governor whose District fulfills the requirements listed below.

Requirements:

1. At least 20 percent of the JOOI Clubs in your District (based on the total number of Clubs as of October 1) must earn either the Honor Club or Distinguished Honor Club Award.
2. At least 80 percent of the JOOI Clubs in your District (based on the total number of Clubs as of October 1) must submit a current membership roster and the following year's election report to the International Office no later than **May 30**.
3. The District must publish and distribute a quarterly bulletin or newsletter to all JOOI Clubs in the District.
4. Your District must organize and conduct a JOOI District Convention. Election results as well as a Conference Report must be submitted to the International Office **no later than September 1**.
5. Governor must have attended the previous year's International JOOI Convention as the Governor-elect. (Exceptions may include lack of financial support, educational conflicts, lacking a chaperon, etc. Exceptions to the rule will be judged on a case-by-case basis.)

The application and related materials for this award must be submitted to the JOOI Clubs Department no later than September 30.

DISTINGUISHED JOOI GOVERNOR AWARD

Application

JOOI Governor: _____ Ring Size _____

District Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax Number: (_____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

District JOOI Clubs Chairperson: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax Number: (_____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

This form as well as the required newsletter or bulletin samples must be submitted to the JOOI Clubs Department no later than September 30.

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OUTSTANDING JOOI GOVERNOR/GOVERNOR OF EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

To keep JOOI going it is important that your Members build new JOOI Clubs and volunteer their time as often as possible. Being the best takes hard work and dedication. In appreciation for all that you do as JOOI Governor, the JOOI Board of Directors expanded this award's scholarship prizes. All cash awards must be used for education. The JOOI Clubs staff calculates the award winners by using all data on file. The decisions of the JOOI Clubs staff are final.

REQUIREMENTS:

New Club Building Scholarship (\$2,000)

As JOOI Governor, you need to encourage your Clubs to be active in chartering new JOOI Clubs. The JOOI Governor whose District charters the highest number of new JOOI Clubs earns a \$2,000 scholarship.

Club Services Award Scholarship (\$2,000)

The JOOI Governor with the greatest percentage of Clubs submitting election reports, rosters and applying for the awards program will be awarded a \$2,000 scholarship.

Governor of Excellence

Should one JOOI Governor excel in both categories, he/she earns the distinction of "Governor of Excellence" as well as the scholarship total of \$4,000

The application for this scholarship competition must be submitted to the JOOI Clubs Department no later than September 30.

OUTSTANDING JOOI GOVERNOR/GOVERNOR OF EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Application

Please accept this as my formal request to compete for the Outstanding JOOI Governor/Governor of Excellence scholarships. I have read the requirements and understand that the JOOI Clubs Department will monitor my progress.

JOOI Governor: _____

District Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax Number: (_____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

District JOOI Clubs Chairperson: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax Number: (_____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

This application form must be submitted to the JOOI Clubs Department no later than September 30 immediately following your year as Governor to be considered.

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DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S EXCELLENCE AWARD

Criteria and Application

1. **CLUB BUILDING:** The District **must** end the fiscal year with at least one more JOOI Club than it had at the beginning of the year.
2. **NEW CLUB FOLLOW-UP:** The District JOOI Club Chair **must** certify that the Follow-up Form(s) (in this book) is/are completed and sent to the JOOI Clubs Department for the new Club(s). Information on the New Club Follow-up Form includes:
 - A. During the FIRST MONTH of the new Club's life, assist the new Club with the planning of three programs and present one orientation program. The orientation program should include a review of Honor Club, Community Service, and JOOI Club Builder awards. Orientations should also inform the new Club about District meetings, Club organization, membership drives, fundraising and service projects.
 - B. During the SECOND MONTH of the new Club's life, the sponsor Club should visit at least one meeting.
 - C. During the THIRD MONTH of the new Club's life, a joint meeting or activity should be held between the sponsor Club and the new JOOI Club.
3. **DISTRICT CONFERENCE:** At the District JOOI conference, an election of District JOOI officers **must** be held with the results reported to the JOOI Clubs Department.
4. **CLUB MAINTENANCE:** The District JOOI Clubs Chair **must** make sure that all JOOI Clubs in the District continue to function at above average membership levels and continue to stay in touch with the JOOI Clubs Department. Therefore, **at least 80 percent** of all JOOI Club's in the District **must** fulfill the following requirements (on official forms) and have the data submitted to the District JOOI Clubs Chair (who will send everything to the JOOI Clubs Department) no later than **Sept. 30:**
 - A. Correct name, address and phone number of the current JOOI Club Chair (effective Oct. 1).
 - B. Correct name, address and phone number of the current JOOI Club Adviser (effective Oct.1).
 - C. An election report listing correct names, addresses and phone numbers of the current JOOI Club President and Secretary/Treasurer (effective Oct. 1).
 - D. A Club roster (**with a minimum of 8 Members**) listing names of all active Members in the Club.
5. **DISTRICT GROWTH:** The District **must** end the fiscal year with membership growth of **at least five percent**.

CERTIFICATION: *To the best of my knowledge, I certify that my JOOI District has met all of the award requirements as noted above. Please consider this certification as my official application for the **Chairman's Excellence Award**.*

Name (Please Print): _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

District Name: _____ District #: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

DEADLINE: **All** materials noted above, along with this signed application, **must** be received by the JOOI Clubs Department **no later than October 15**.

ADVISER OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

Throughout the years, JOOI Club advisers dedicate countless hours to ensuring JOOI Clubs run smoothly and effectively. To honor their commitment to being a “Friend of Youth,” we’ve developed the “Adviser of Excellence Award.”

JOOI Club Presidents can nominate their adviser if she/he meets the following criteria:

1. The adviser has had at least one Distinguished JOOI Clubs in the last 10 years.
2. The adviser has attended at least one International JOOI Convention.
3. The adviser’s JOOI Clubs have submitted all rosters, election reports and dues on time.
4. The adviser must have been a JOOI Club adviser for a minimum of three years.

In addition, the JOOI President must submit an essay of 100 words or less on his/her adviser’s service to youth and why he/she is deserving of this award.

The winner will be selected by the International JOOI Board of Directors, recognized at the JOOI Convention and will be honored with a plaque.

Application

JOOI Club President or District Officer submitting nomination: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax Number: (_____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Nominated Adviser: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax Number: (_____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Number of years served as a JOOI adviser: _____

Names of JOOI Clubs served: _____

Which of these earned Distinguished Status? _____

Cities and years of JOOI Conventions attended: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

JOOI President’s or District Officer’s essay on why his/her adviser has earned “Excellence” status (100 words or less):

Nomination forms and essays due no later than June 15.

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