



# Make a Difference - Join the Oakville Junior Optimist Club

## What is a Junior Optimist (JOI) Club?

We have two separate JOI Clubs in Oakville – one for high school students and one for students in Grades 6 to 8. They meet twice per month, choose or design their own projects, and volunteer with lots of different organizations in Oakville. They elect their own President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and have their own budget for the year. You will be a member of internationally known Optimist International, and you can also run for positions and attend conventions at the Central Ontario District or Internationally.

## Why Join?

Volunteer hours are only a very small part of why to join. Here are some good reasons: leadership development, friendship opportunities to meet students from **all** the other schools in Oakville, as well as first line access to opportunities that the Optimist Club provides for youth. These include the inside track on access to scholarship contests like the Essay and Oratorical, bursaries, as well as fantastic opportunities like the 3-day Central Ontario Leadership Seminar at University of Toronto. Many university and foundation scholarships require far more hours than required by high schools. JOI provides easily over 100 hours per school year, at many fun events – your own and at other organizations in Oakville. All the above adds to your resume and experience. How much you choose to do is up to you. There are cumulative Bronze, Silver and Gold International awards for individuals, based on your participation as well as overall recognition for the JOI Club. Plus, there is the personal satisfaction of knowing you made a significant difference for others in your community.

## When and Where

JOI Oak Park for students Grades 6 to 8 meets at Oak Park Neighbourhood Centre, 2200 Sawgrass Drive, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. JOI Oakville meets at the Halton Safety Village, 1151 Bronte Road, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. All meetings and events are on the online calendar [www.oakvilleoptimistclub.com/calendar](http://www.oakvilleoptimistclub.com/calendar).

## More Info?

Questions? You can find out more about us at [www.oakvilleoptimistclub.com/JOI](http://www.oakvilleoptimistclub.com/JOI) and @Oakville JOI on Facebook. You can also email any questions to [JOI@oakvilleoptimistclub.com](mailto:JOI@oakvilleoptimistclub.com). Both Clubs have two adult Optimist JOI Advisors who are present at all meetings and events. It costs \$20 or less to join a JOI Club and that includes a t-shirt! The **JOI Membership Application Form** is on the reverse.

## JOI Club Membership Application Form

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email completed form to [JOI@oakvilleoptimistclub.com](mailto:JOI@oakvilleoptimistclub.com)