

# Mt. Vernon Optimist

# Oratorical Contest

The 2026 Topic is

**“The Moment I Realized I Belonged- My Definition of Community”**

Monday, February 23 at 6:00 PM at The McCordsville United Methodist Church

**Deadline for Application is Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

Cash Prizes awarded by Mt Vernon Optimist Club

- First Place \$300
- Second Place \$200
- Third Place \$100

Opportunity to move on and win further scholarships

Applications available at Mt. Vernon High School Library or [www.mvoptimist.com](http://www.mvoptimist.com)

**Completed Applications need to be turned in to Mrs. Zelencik at the Mt Vernon HS Library by February 13<sup>th</sup> at Noon**

Interested students should prepare a 4 to 5 minute speech on the assigned topic.

\*All requirements can be found on the application.

Proof of date of birth is required to be turned in with the application.