



Our purposes are to develop Optimism as a philosophy of life; to promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs; to inspire respect for the law; to promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people; to aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of mankind and the world. *You are invited to join us in achieving this mission.*

APPLICATION

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____ Nickname _____

HOME

Street _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Home Phone (____) _____ Home Email < _____ > Cell Phone (____) _____

BUSINESS

Firm Name _____ Type of Business _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Work Phone (____) _____ xt. _____ Work Email < _____ >

Position/Title _____ Years w/firm _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____ Years in this Community _____
month day year

Spouse's Name _____ Date of Wedding _____
month day year

Names/Ages of Children _____

Other service club memberships? (offices held?) _____

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Have you been a life member in another Optimist Club? If so, which one? _____ Years? _____

Please complete the Interest Indicator on the back of this form.

MEMBERSHIP [Membership year is Oct. 1 - Sept. 30, \$70/annual dues]

Make check payable to: **Downtown Optimist Club**, and submit with this completed application. When you join, dues are pro-rated, based on the month you join. *See schedule below.*

\$85 [Oct-Dec]; \$68 [Jan-Mar]; \$50 [Apr-June]; \$33, [Jul-Sept] Check attached \$ _____

Total includes annual membership in Optimist International, the Downtown Optimist Club and a one-time, Initiation fee.

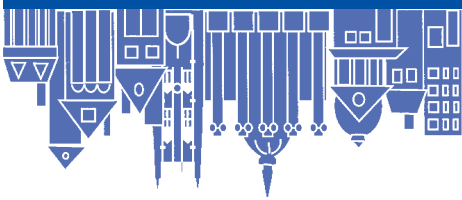
 Your Signature ~ Check must accompany application. Today's Date _____

I, _____, am honored to sponsor this individual for membership.

Sponsor's name

_____ Date accepted by Board of Directors

_____ Member Number



Serving the youth of Mid-Missouri since 1936



The Optimist Club of Columbia, Missouri [DOWNTOWN OPTIMIST CLUB] is a voluntary organization of civic-minded adults, banded together by progressive thought and action in community service. Membership, which is by invitation, is composed of people in business, industry, agriculture and the professions. Members are motivated by the desire to contribute to the community from which they and their families draw daily benefits. Membership in the Downtown Club includes membership in Optimist International.

DOWNTOWN OPTIMIST CLUB

Below is a list of projects and committees that reflect the activities of the Club. Please check the ones in which you are interested in serving. The Chairman will contact you. All members are asked to participate in ***FUNDRAISING PROJECTS***.

I'd like to help with COMMUNICATIONS

- Publicity** - Arrange for public promotion/information of Club's activities
- Webmaster** - Maintain the Club's Web site
- Weekly Bulletin** - Write & distribute the weekly Club Bulletin via email
- Build New Clubs** - Promote and assist in the creation & building of new Optimist clubs
- Interclub Relations** - Plans and promotes interclub activities

I'd like to help with FELLOWSHIP

- Fellowship** - Announce birthdays/anniversaries at Club meetings
- Tail Twister/Sgt-at-Arms** - Stimulates fellowship & prepares for club meetings
- Dinners/Socials** - Organizes a well rounded program of social events throughout the year
- Clubhouse** - Manages Clubhouse, policies and grounds
- Programs** - Arrange weekly programs for Club meetings

I'd like to help with FINANCIALS

- *KOEZE NUT SALES*** - Sell these high quality nuts & candies in the fall
- *TREE LOT/HOLIDAY SALES*** - Serve on one of two local Christmas tree lots
- Endowment/Trust - 501 c(3) OI Foundation** - Works to establish a club endowment
- Funding Request Committee** - Solicits and reviews applications for funding requests to the Club

I'd like to help with MEMBERSHIP

- Membership Recruiting** - Develop and implement ideas to recruit new members for the Club
- Membership Retention** - Work to retain current members

I'd like to help with SERVICE COMMITTEES

- Bike Safety Clinic** - Annual, event for kids, held in Spring
- Scholarships/Youth Appreciation** - Manage Club's scholarship program
- Soap Box Derby** - Help with annual race in June.
- Respect for Law** - Arrange program for this annual OI focus
- Oratorical & Essay Contests** - Conduct OI contest for local students
- Day with Wildlife/Young Hunter Safety** - Help direct activities of this special day
- Jr. Golf Championship** - Conduct East Missouri Optimist district contest for area kids
- Show Me State Games** - Assist with presentation of soccer medals in July
- Childhood Cancer** - Research & community assistance for children & families affected by cancer
- Computer Giveaway** - Annual distribution of computers, w/City officials
- Safety Awareness** - Sponsor activities to promote safety awareness among elementary students
- Habitat for Humanity** - Support Habitat in our community
- Central Missouri Food Bank** - Provide service on the first Thursday of each month