

TIME TO BE A DISTRICT OFFICER

All candidates must submit an application that:

- Lists JOOI or Optimist activities in which they participated
- Indicates why candidate should be elected
- Is signed by both the candidate and a parent or guardian

All elected officers are required to:

- Provide a picture and goals statement to for the GATEway Optimist Web site
- Attend Board Meetings in various locations up to four times a year
- Attend the GATEway JOOI District Convention
- Vote as needed on matters before the Board
- Assist in the planning and promotion of the annual JOOI District and International JOOI Conventions.

REWARDS FOR DISTRICT SERVICE

All elected officers receive:

- Certificates indicating office held
- Nationally approved training in areas such as parliamentary procedure, leadership, team building, and public speaking – with completion certificates
- Experience in fund raising
- Participation in fun activities and service projects

Certificates and experience on a state level is good for inclusion with college applications.

THE 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 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.

WHY BE A PART OF GATEway DISTRICT JOOI



A District made up of Alpha (ages 6-9),
Jr. Optimist (ages 10-13),
& Octagon (ages 14-19)
Clubs



DISTRICT OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

The officers of the GATEway JOOI District are the Governor, Governor-Elect, the Lieutenant Governors, and the District Secretary / Treasurer.

The **Governor's** duty is to further the purposes of JOOI and the GATEway JOOI District, and to promote the interest and coordinate the work of member clubs within the JOOI District. He/she shall provide input to generally oversee and encourage JOOI Club activities within the District. The Governor presides at all meetings of the Executive Board, the Board of Directors, and performs such other duties as ordinarily incumbent upon a Governor.

The **Governor-Elect** shall perform such duties as are ordinarily incumbent upon a Governor-Elect and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Governor and Board of Directors.

Each **Lieutenant Governor** coordinates the activities of an assigned group of Clubs. He/she shall communicate with the Governor and attend JOOI District Board Meetings.

The **Secretary / Treasurer** records minutes of the Executive Board meetings, the Board of Directors meetings, processes all correspondence, and generally performs such duties as are incumbent upon a secretary. The GATEway Optimist District Secretary / Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining all funds.

BOARD MEMBER ADVANTAGES

As a JOOI District Board Member, you will have the advantage of

- Interacting with other individuals who care enough to volunteer a portion of their time and effort, simply to help others in their community
- Participating in the personal and professional growth program
- Receive satisfaction in knowing that you have had a positive difference in the operation of the GATEway JOOI District



On the Web

Find out more about International JOOI at www.optimist.org and GATEway JOOI at www.georgiaoptimists.org. Visit GATEway JOOI on Facebook at [JOOI IN GEORGIA](https://www.facebook.com/jooi.in.georgia).

Monetary Rewards

District Board Members are eligible to apply for a \$500 grant to be used towards attending the International JOOI Convention. Outstanding Governors are eligible to win a \$2,000 scholarship.

JOOI CREED

I promise to:

Honor my parents and those to whom wisdom has come through years of experience,

Respect the beliefs of others,

Prize the friendship and keep its sacred truth,

Seek intellectual growth, physical development and avoid abuse of mind and body,

Be diligent and give each task the priority it merits,

Strive to be courteous at all times and truthful with everyone I meet,

Practice thrift and put material matters in proper perspective,

Respect all living things and help maintain the balance of life,

Work to preserve our form of government and the freedoms it guarantees.

I will value independence and develop self-reliance, setting high goals in life

and dedicating myself to the service to others.

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