

JOOI MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____

ZIP/Postal Code _____

Birth Date _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

School Name _____

Grade Level _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Date _____

Please return to your JOOI Representative.

THE VISION OF JOOI

To become a prominent youth service organization in the world

THE MISSION OF JOOI

Junior Optimist Octagon International is an all-inclusive youth organization that embraces the positive values of optimism, respect for self and others, and independence of mind through the unlimited opportunities of community service and sponsorship by Optimist International.

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

Optimist International is one of the world's largest service club organizations with more than 125,000 adult and youth members in 4,000 clubs in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and Mexico and throughout the world. Carrying the motto "Bringing Out the Best in Kids," Optimists conduct positive service projects that reach more than six million young people each year.

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WHAT IS JOOI?

JOOI stands for Junior Optimist Octagon International and it is a service-learning organization. JOOI is the organization that connects all of the Optimist JOOI Clubs throughout the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and France.

There are different levels of JOOI Clubs for different age groups:

Alpha Clubs – ages 6 to 9

Junior Optimist Clubs – ages 10 to 13

Octagon Clubs – ages 14 to 18

With three different age groups available, kids can never outgrow JOOI!

THE BEGINNING OF JOOI

Junior Optimist Octagon International was created to enable kids to do community service. JOOI reached the international level in 1989. Since that time, JOOI has grown to 17,600 Members in 690 Clubs throughout the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and France. And guess what? The numbers are rising all the time thanks in part to great kids like you who want to make a difference in their community.

“JOOI is the best school of life and everybody can be part of it! We choose by ourselves the projects we want to pursue, and it is up to us to take the steps to make them happen ... leadership, friendships, traveling, the satisfaction that you’ve made yourself useful and a lot more – nothing can be compared to what JOOI has to offer us!”

– a former JOOI International President

WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN JOOI?

- Because it’s fun!
- It can fulfill high school graduation requirements for community service
- When we help others, everyone wins!
- JOOI looks great on college applications
- You have leadership opportunities at the club, district and international levels!
- You can learn about teamwork, communication, self-esteem, money management and citizenship in non-traditional, fun ways

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering has become the thing to do for kids everywhere. Tons of kids all around the world are already trying it out. They’ve discovered that they’re having fun AND helping other kids at the same time – what could be better than that? Well, what if it could also help students get into college? Volunteering can do that, too! JOOI looks great on college applications, and now that JOOI has the nod of approval by NASSP, it ranks right up there with other established student organizations.



NASSP

The National Association of Secondary School Principals has added JOOI to its National Advisory List of Contests and Activities, putting JOOI in the same ranks as National Honor Society and Student Councils. This designation makes JOOI a significant school activity and allows students to be excused from school to participate in JOOI activities when necessary.

So now that you’ve heard all of the reasons to join, where do you start in becoming a JOOI Member?

WHAT ISN’T REQUIRED TO BE A JOOI MEMBER?

- A certain GPA
- A recommendation from a teacher or principal
- Previous community service experience

WHAT IS REQUIRED TO BE A JOOI MEMBER?

- Energy
- Enthusiasm
- The belief that kids CAN make a difference in their community

“Wow! Why do I like JOOI? ... I think that JOOI has helped me to really care, really be someone, a giving and emotional human being. I can honestly say it has really impacted my life – for the better.”

– a current Member and former JOOI Director

