We are looking for innovative hands on club youth projects for your community during the 2019-2020 Optimist year. Optimist Clubs from across Canada have an opportunity to enter the process from now until April 30, 2020. After which time we will not accept any further applications.

Donors to the CCOF will then have an opportunity to vote on their club entry or support another club with their entry, for a period of 1 month. During that month, the three top projects will be identified based on voting. The more votes a project receives the higher they will proceed to the top three. The top three projects will be announced, and showcased during the Optimist International Convention, in Chicagoland (Schaumburg, IL), June 28, 2020.

All individual Optimist donors are eligible to have a vote on a project. A contribution of a minimum of $36.50 Dime a Day to the Canadian Children’s Optimist Foundation is required to get one vote. For each incremental unrestricted donation of $50 a donor will receive an additional vote, so if you gave an amount of $200 you would have an additional 4 votes. If you have already given a donation since October 1, 2019 you will be eligible to vote, if for instance you have given an unrestricted donation of $250 in addition to your Dime a Day contribution you would be eligible to an additional 5 votes. Optimist club President are eligible to vote if the club makes a minimal unrestricted donation of $50.

You could get other individuals and corporations as donors in your community involved with the voting process with a minimum unrestricted donation of $50, then they support the Canadian Children’s Optimist Foundation and receive a tax receipt. The actual details of the voting process and how many votes you could receive will be announced very shortly.