

The 7<sup>th</sup> District Optimist Club  
“Miss Blessing of The Fleet” Contest  
Press Release

Bushwood, MD – The 7<sup>th</sup> District Optimist Club is seeking nominations for the “Miss Blessing of the Fleet” contest to be held this year.

The award will be given to the contestant that receives the highest monetary votes by representing herself to her community through a promotion box showing a photo (head shot only), community interest projects and personal achievements. Contestant will be responsible for finding her own local sponsor to host her promotion box to receive her monetary votes and must be a local resident of St. Mary’s County. Contestants must be between the ages of 15 – 18 years old to register. Registration forms are available at [www.BlessingoftheFleetSOMD.net](http://www.BlessingoftheFleetSOMD.net), [www.7thdistrictoptimist.org](http://www.7thdistrictoptimist.org) or St. Clement’s Island Museum located at 38370 Point Breeze Road, Colton’s Point, Maryland, 20626.

Registration will be open from July 15, 2019 through September 15, 2019. All promotion boxes and votes collected must be returned to the 7<sup>th</sup> District Optimist Club located at 21804 Colton’s Point Road, Able, Maryland, 20618 on Wednesday, September 18, 2019. The top six contestants will be notified by phone before the announcement of the winner at the St. Mary’s County Fair on Saturday, September 21, 2019. The New Miss Blessing of the Fleet and her Court will ride in the St. Mary’s County Fair for their first public appearance! She will also be required to lead the boat parade at the Blessing of the Fleet on Sunday, October 6, 2019 with her Court.

The 7<sup>th</sup> District Optimist Club is the host organization of the Blessing of the Fleet. It is made up of members of the local community dedicated to reaching out and helping the youth and community in and around St. Mary’s County’s 7<sup>th</sup> District. The Club uses proceeds from the many yearly events and fundraisers, like the Blessing of the Fleet, to provide funding for countless youth events and causes throughout the county, as well as to area elderly programs and local fire and rescue squads. Funds generated from this contest will go directly to the 7<sup>th</sup> District Optimist Club scholarship fund.

For more information regarding the 7<sup>th</sup> District Optimist Club and its mission of community service, please visit [www.7thdistrictoptimist.org](http://www.7thdistrictoptimist.org).