

# CLARKSTON AREA OPTIMIST CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

## APPLICATIONS MUST BE TURNED INTO YOUR COUNSELING OFFICE BY 2:30pm, MARCH 12, 2020

**Eligibility:** Any graduating high school senior residing in the Clarkston Community Schools attendance area, intending to continue their education in a 2 or 4 year college or university program, or a trade school. Public school, private school and home school seniors are eligible. A number of **\$2,000.00** scholarships will be available based upon submission of applications.

### Criteria:

1. Live the Optimist Creed
2. Volunteers in programs which benefit youth
3. Involvement in extra-curricular activities

### You Must Provide the following:

1. **Form 1:** General Information (attached)
2. **Form 2:** Activities & Accomplishments (attached)
3. **Essay:** Please tell us about a volunteer service or work experience that you have performed and what you learned from it. You may write about it from one of the following perspectives:
  - a. impacted your career choices, OR
  - b. contributed to our community

NOTE: Essays should be no longer than two pages, double spaced, one inch margins, using a 12 point font. The Essay should have a title and use appropriate grammar and punctuation.

4. **Two Letters of Recommendation.** These letters should come from non-family members such as: teacher, counselor, principal, employer, coach, Scout leader, Clergy member, etc. No more than one from a teacher.
5. For **each** person who recommended you, please briefly describe, in **one paragraph**, how this person has influenced you or how they have made a difference in your life.
6. **Form 3:** Release Information (attached)

### 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 of only the best, to work only for the best and to 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*

**FORM 1: GENERAL INFORMATION (Please fill out with a black pen or in Google Docs)**

**Student Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First Middle Initial*

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Apt/Suite*

\_\_\_\_\_

*City State Zip Code*

Your Phone no: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Parents Names Parents Phone Number*

**High School Graduating From:** \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month Year*

**Post Graduate Education Plans**

College, University or Trade School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
*City State*

Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

# FORM 2: ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Awards

List, in order of importance to you, up to six awards and/or honors you have achieved in the last three years.

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## High School Activities (outside of the classroom)

Tell us about your activities: clubs, internships, lessons, volunteering and hobbies. *Please list ONLY EIGHT!*

Activity	Circle grade/yrs of participation	Approximate hours per week	Approximate weeks per year	Position held or honors won
1. _____	10 11 12	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	10 11 12	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	10 11 12	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	10 11 12	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	10 11 12	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	10 11 12	_____	_____	_____
7. _____	10 11 12	_____	_____	_____
8. _____	10 11 12	_____	_____	_____

## Employment

			Position
1. _____	10 11 12	_____	_____
2. _____	10 11 12	_____	_____

Where you in a school that had a Jr. Optimist Club? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (Please check one)

Please circle each grade year that you have been in Jr Optimist: 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

If you believe that you have a special need or extenuating circumstance the Club should consider, please describe it here:

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## **FORM 3 – Release of Information**

I certify that I meet the stated eligibility requirements for the application of the Clarkston Area Optimist Club, and that all the information in this application is complete and accurate. I understand that any inaccurate information of a substantial nature provided as part of this application will result in disqualification. I hereby voluntarily grant my high school to confirm and/or verify information to the Clarkston Area Optimist Club, or their agents for the purpose of the scholarship selection. I hereby consent to disclosure of any such information and waive any claims which may arise as a result of any disclosure. In consideration of the possible receipt of financial assistance from the Clarkston Area Optimist Club, I give up all rights to publication or use of materials submitted as part of this application, and forever release any claim to ownership of said materials.

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*Student Signature*

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*Date*