



Scholarship Application Form

The Optimist International is a worldwide volunteer organization made up of more than 2,500 local clubs whose members work each day to make the future brighter by bringing out the best in children, in their communities, and in themselves. The Mason Optimist Club is awarding three \$2500 scholarships to Mason high school graduating seniors who have been accepted to a college (2 or 4-year) or trade school and have financial need. To be considered for this award, each applicant will need to:

- Complete this information application.
- Include a copy of his/her high school transcript.
- Include 2 letters of recommendation from an adult, non-family member in sealed, signed envelopes.
- Include a copy of FAFSA and Student Aid letter (if available).
- Participate in an interview (this will be reserved for the top few candidates).

Application Deadline: Friday, February 22, 2019

Submit completed applications to Marcy Dekett in the main office of the high school

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 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.



At no time in the Optimist Sponsored process will an applicant be discriminated against due to race, religion, age, national origin, language, sex, sexual preference, or physical handicap. All information provided in this application will be kept confidential. Upon completion of the selection process and the awarding of the monies all applications will be shredded to keep personal information private.

Name_____E-mail _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone number _____

Write a brief autobiography to introduce yourself to the committee. _____

GPA: _____ SAT Comp: _____ *Please attach a copy of your high school transcript

Family members that live with you: _____

Are there other family members attending college at this time? Who? Class status? _____

To which postsecondary schools/programs have you applied and/or been accepted to? _____

Briefly describe your educational goals and how you plan to achieve these goals: _____

School related activities: _____

Community related activities: _____

Have you ever been a recipient of the Mason Optimist Youth Appreciation Award? _____

Interests/Hobbies: _____

Work History: _____

Briefly describe your financial need: _____

What does the Optimist Creed mean to you? Read the Optimist Creed on the front page of the application. Select a portion of the creed that is most meaningful to you and describe why you selected this portion of the creed and how it is exemplified in your life.

