

OPTIMIST CLUB OF NAPLES

2024 Senior Scholarship Contest

Five scholarships will be awarded by our club in the following amounts,
1 for \$10,000.00, 1 for \$6,000.00, 1 for \$4,000.00 & 2 for \$2,000.00,
all amounts payable over 4 years with maintaining a 3.0 GPA continuously.
(One quarter of the scholarship amount paid annually with requirements for payment met.)

Who is eligible to apply?

Any student meeting the full requirements to be classified as a SENIOR,
graduating in the class of 2024; public and private Collier County school graduates.

Interested in going forth with applying?

Please follow the instructions below, noting ALL requirements necessary for consideration.

PLEASE NOTE: Incomplete scholarship applications will **NOT** be considered for an award.

To be considered for a scholarship award, the following requirements **MUST** be met/received:

2024 Optimist Club of Naples Scholarship Application – Completed **FULLY**,
Resume of Academics, Extra Curricular Activities, Community Service Involvement & Hours,
SAT / ACT Scores, (confirm they are noted on your official transcripts),
OFFICIAL / SEALED Transcripts, Signed and/or Stamped on the seal of the envelope by school,
Personal Statement (Explanation of why you feel you personally merit consideration for one of our
scholarships **AND** how you have been impacted by performing community service - (150 to 300 Words),
Scholarship Essay: “My plans and goals for the future are ...” - (500-550 Words),
Three letters of recommendation, and
Full Financial Disclosure, including 2022 Tax Return Copy ~ First 2 pages,
summary of the return, with social security numbers for all family members **blacked out**.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are selected as one of the top 25 being considered for an OCN scholarship
award, you will be required to submit a 2023 Tax Return as well. If you have that information available
when submitting your application, please include it with your initial submission.

All applications must be “**POST MARKED**” ON or BEFORE ~ **FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024**.

Applications will be accepted by **REGULAR U.S. POSTAL SERVICE MAIL ONLY!**

Any applications sent by Certified Mail, or other mail service requiring signature,
will **NOT** be picked up and signed for and your application will not be included in the contest.

OPTIMIST CLUB of NAPLES
ATTN: Mrs. Dattilo, Scholarship Chair
P.O. BOX 110282
NAPLES, FL 34108

If you have questions regarding our club scholarship application or the completing of it,
please do not hesitate to e-mail your question(s) to the following e-mail addresses:

scholarship@optimistclubnaples.org optimistclubofnaples@gmail.com

As Scholarship Chair, I look forward to receiving MANY applications,
ALL of which will be evaluated individually, using a points system to determine our award winners.

All applications received will be handled with tremendous care,
KEEPING ALL INFORMATION RECEIVED CONFIDENTIAL!

Good Luck to ALL applicants, Mrs. Dattilo



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

~ **TYPE PREFERRED** ... or ... Write Clearly & Neatly ~
Provide All Requested Information – Follow All Directions Fully

PLEASE NOTE: To be considered for a scholarship award from The Optimist Club of Naples, ALL requirements stated on our preceding informational form **MUST** be followed and complied with fully. Any scholarship applications not meeting ALL requirements will **NOT** be considered for award and further, will be shredded to protect the information provided on behalf of the applicant and their family promptly upon being found ineligible. **READ, RE-READ, TRIPLE CHECK! THEN SUBMIT!**

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

E-mail Address(es): _____

Have you or anyone in your family coached, refereed, played sports or participated within ANY Optimist Club of Naples programs, including within the Azzurri soccer program? YES NO

If YES, please list the full name(s) of all the family member(s), their relationship to you and state the affiliation below, including the year affiliated. (This information in no way hinders your ability to enter or be awarded a senior scholarship.)

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Current High School: _____ Grade: _____

If you have attended other high schools, list the name of the school(s), city and state where the school(s) are located and grades you attended. Official transcripts must include ALL high school courses taken, including those taken in middle school, to be considered for our scholarships. If courses were taken in middle school, please list the name, address and phone number for the middle school.

Middle School(s): _____ Phone #: _____

High School(s): _____ Phone #: _____

DUAL ENROLLMENT: PART TIME _____ FULL TIME _____

If you are dual enrolled, list the name(s) of the school(s) you attend, the address and phone number for the school. Submit official transcripts from the college/university if your dual enrollment classes are not on your high school transcripts.

College/University: _____ Phone #: _____

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY INFORMATION FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

Planned Major / Program of Study: _____

Career Plans Following College Graduation: _____

College / University Admission Application(s) Submitted To, Acceptance Letter(s) Received – Circle YES/NO/PENDING

_____	YES	NO	PENDING
_____	YES	NO	PENDING
_____	YES	NO	PENDING
_____	YES	NO	PENDING
_____	YES	NO	PENDING
_____	YES	NO	PENDING
_____	YES	NO	PENDING
_____	YES	NO	PENDING
_____	YES	NO	PENDING

College / University Commitment Made To: _____
(Full College/University Name)

OR ... Indicate School Decision Pending by an "X" following if undecided to date: _____

If committed to a school, complete the information requested below.

School Address – List the address of the office a scholarship payment would be mailed to should you be awarded funds:

Date Your Studies Begin (Include Year): _____

Circle Semester Your Studies Begin: SUMMER FALL SPRING / ONLINE or IN PERSON CLASSES

Student Identification Number (College/University Issued): _____

List the cost of annual attendance of your college/university: _____

List all scholarship awards/funds you will receive in support of your college education and the dollar amount of them:

*Note if scholarships are "one-time" or "renewable" awards, including Florida Bright Futures awards.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE:

Father/Guardian Full Name: _____

Employer: _____

Occupation: _____ Phone #: _____

Mother/Guardian Full Name: _____

Employer: _____

Occupation: _____ Phone #: _____

Parent/Guardian Marital Status – Circle: Married Separated Divorced Single

Number of siblings supported by parents/guardians: _____

Names & Ages of siblings supported by parents/guardians: _____

Number of siblings in college supported by parents/guardians and names of college/university siblings attend:

Person responsible for applicants financial support: _____

Have you the student and your parent/guardian filed a FAFSA for Federal Grant eligibility? YES NO

Do you the student have a Florida Prepaid College Plan? YES NO

Do you the student have a 529 College Fund/Plan? YES NO

Do you the student qualify for a free or reduced lunch program currently at school? YES NO

Adjusted Gross Income: (Include 2022 & 2023 Tax Return Copy) Current Cash-On-Hand, Savings Account Funds & Checking Account Funds

Parent/Guardian: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____

Student: _____ Student: _____

Parent/Guardian OWN or RENT a home? _____ Monthly Payment Due: _____

If Parent/Guardian OWN a home, unpaid mortgage amount: _____

Do you the student work? YES NO If YES, how many hours per week and weekly pay? _____

If YES, place of employment and phone number: _____

Do you the student own a car? YES NO If YES, monthly payments: _____ Paid In Full _____

If YES, what make, model and year: _____

What is your plan to pay for your college education? Please be detailed with your answer. _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Provide a 150 to 300 word personal statement, typed in 1 ½ space format, using only one side of the paper it is written on, explaining why you personally merit consideration for one of our club scholarships and how you have been impacted by performing community service. **Your community service hours performed must be up to date and noted on your official transcripts submitted with your scholarship application!** **Make sure your guidance counselor has this information updated!**

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY:

Write a 500 to 550 word essay, typed in 1 ½ space format, using only one side of the paper it is written on (multiple pages may be submitted), on the following topic ~ “My plans and goals for the future are ...”. Creativity encouraged within your essay.

Both the personal statement and essay will be read, scored and judged by experienced educators. Both will be judged on proper grammar, proper use of punctuation, proper use of words/language and creativity. Both must demonstrate a solid foundation of college level writing. **Do NOT self identify within the Personal Statement or the Scholarship Essay!** All identification of applicants is kept confidential from our scholarship committee judges. **Violation of rules will carry HEAVY penalty and/or disqualification from the Senior Scholarship Contest.** The majority of points awarded within the contest come from the personal statement and essay, therefore, it is very important you submit your very best on both.

PLEASE NOTE:

- ⤴ If your application is selected as one of the top 25 received, you will be required to submit up-dated transcripts and other documentation, including a 2023 tax return, to further your application through our award process.
- ⤴ All finalists will be required to attend an interview should one be felt necessary.
- ⤴ All award winners will be required to attend an award ceremony held by our club in addition to your school awards ceremony should one be organized and held.
- ⤴ All award winners will be required to attend an annual award meeting to receive their initial and/or renewal award.
- ⤴ All award winners will be required to submit documentation each year to confirm their eligibility status for award.

By signing below, I verify the information provided on this scholarship application to be true and complete. Further, I authorize the schools named within this application to release and discuss information as needed to best process the application with members of the Optimist Club of Naples Scholarship Committee. Should my application not bring forth the award of a scholarship, by signing below I verify I am aware my application will be shredded and discarded.

By signing below, I verify I fully understand any scholarship awards determined on my behalf will be revoked effective immediately if it is determined that my application contains any false or misleading information.

By signing below, I verify I fully understand should I be awarded a scholarship by the Optimist Club of Naples, I will be responsible for attending any scholarship awards ceremony and any annual scholarship meeting held by the club. Further, I am aware I must meet the requirements of the scholarship award and provide documentation as requested by the club to receive my initial and/or renewal award(s). **I further understand, it is MY responsibility to contact the club each fall semester (August) and spring semester (January) to keep my award active. I understand that if I do not follow-up properly as required, my scholarship award will not be renewed. Once not renewed, it will be revoked and not reinstated.**

By signing below, I verify I fully understand should I be awarded a scholarship by the Optimist Club of Naples, announcement of the award will be public knowledge, including having the award announced through the use of social media platforms, and I consent to such announcement, including of the use of any and all photographs requested by the club.

Student Signature:

_____ **Date:** _____

Above Student's Name Printed

Parent/Guardian Signature:

_____ **Date:** _____

Above Parent/Guardian's Name Printed

AGAIN ... READ, RE-READ, DOUBLE & TRIPLE CHECK YOUR APPLICATION ~ COMPLETE? RULES & REQUIREMENTS MET? SUBMIT!