

Northwest Suburban Optimist Club

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Serving the Youth of the Northwest Suburban Community since 1959

Following the ideals of Optimists International, The Northwest Suburban Optimist Club (NWSOC) awards scholarships for post-secondary education to deserving students. Two \$1,000 scholarships and the Dick and Karin Swanson Scholarship for \$2,000 are awarded annually. Applications are due by April 1, 2018. Winners will be notified by May 15, 2018.

Awards will be based on financial need, special life circumstances, academic effort and awards, extracurricular activities including school and community involvement and work, application essay, and recommendations.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Only residents of one of the following school districts are eligible to apply: Brooklyn Center, Hopkins, Osseo, Robbinsdale, St. Louis Park or Wayzata.
2. Complete and sign the attached application form. Late, incomplete or unsigned applications will not be considered.
3. Attach a copy of your high school transcript. This does not need to be an original copy; a photocopy is acceptable.
4. Attach a maximum of two letters of reference with contact information. Photocopies are acceptable.
5. Submit a maximum one-page essay based on all or part of the Optimist Creed (attached), which is read at the close of every Optimist Club meeting. You might, for example, draw on a personal experience, reference someone you know, or explain how some part of the Creed might impact your life.
6. Mail all requested items on single-sided pages without staples or paper clips to:
NW Suburban Optimist Club
c/o Christine Swanson,
6807 Toledo Ave. N.,
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429.

Contact Christine Swanson at swanc02@yahoo.com or 763-232-9393 with questions.

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 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.

Northwest Suburban Optimist Club Scholarship Application

NOTE: This application is one of four items to be submitted. Application deadline is Sunday, April 1st, 2018
 Refer to <http://www.nwsoptimists.org> for instructions if you do not have pages 1-2 of this packet.

About You

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____
 Date of Birth: _____ Phone: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 US Citizen? (circle one) Yes No

About Your Family

Do you live with your father, mother, or both? _____ Guardian? _____
 Father's Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____
 Occupation: _____ Employer: _____ Daytime Phone: _____
 Mother's Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____
 Occupation: _____ Employer: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Number of family members in household: _____	Household annual income: _____	< \$30,000	
Comments: _____		\$30,001 < \$60,000	
		\$60,001 < \$90,000	
		> \$90,001	

High School

Current School attending: _____ Anticipated Graduation date: _____
 Current GPA: _____ SAT or ACT score: _____

College/trade/business school you plan to attend? (in order of preference)

	School name	City, State	Accredited?
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

Desired Start date: _____ Proposed completion date: _____
 Major: _____ Ultimate Profession: _____

Will you be living at home, in a dorm, or elsewhere? Please explain.

In what way have you prepared for the desired education?

Is anyone dependent on your earnings and is so, whom and to what extent?

How do you plan to fund your education?

Other scholarships for which you are applying?

Employment

Current Employer Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Start date: _____ Position held: _____
 Hours per week: _____ Weekly Income: _____

If less than 1 year please provide previous employer:

Previous Employer Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Start/end date: _____ Position held: _____
 Hours per week: _____ Weekly Income: _____

Will you work while attending school? _____

If employment will change when attending school please explain:

References

List two school employees and one personal reference (you may attach letters of reference):

Last Name: _____	First Name: _____	Middle Initial: _____
Occupation: _____	Phone: _____	Years known: _____
Last Name: _____	First Name: _____	Middle Initial: _____
Occupation: _____	Phone: _____	Years known: _____
Last Name: _____	First Name: _____	Middle Initial: _____
Occupation: _____	Phone: _____	Years known: _____

You may respond to these items on a separate page in desired	<p>Activities: Please include activities in school and in the community.</p>
	<p>Awards, Honors and Achievements:</p>
	<p>Autobiographical statement: Please include here any additional information that would help the scholarship committee.</p>

Your signature below indicates that you have read and agree to the following:

I understand that any scholarship or award that might be offered to me is contingent on my successful high school graduation. I understand that groups and organizations granting scholarships or awards expect that my academic standing, community citizenship and school behavior will remain at a level consistent with or better than my performance thus far in my high school career. I here by agree that I will report, in a timely manner, any significant change in my academic standing, community citizenship or school behavior to any groups or organizations to which I have applied for scholarships or awards. Further, I understand that any group or organization may withdraw their offer of a scholarship or award due to a change in my academic standing, community citizenship or school behavior.

If I am granted a scholarship I understand that I am under obligation to attend college, trade or business school.* Failure to attend will result in forfeiture of the award. I understand the award will be made upon verification of enrollment by submitting proof of registration to the awarding organization. Income, GPA and test score verification may also be requested.

Applicant Signature:		Date:
Parent/Guardian Signature:		Date:

This scholarship is open to all 2018 high school graduates planning to start attending college in 2018/2019. All information provided will be used to determine recipients. There are no income or GPA limitations. Recipients will be notified prior to May 15, 2018.

To find out more about the NW Suburban Optimist Club visit: www.nwsoptimists.org

Mail completed forms postmarked by 4/1/2018 to: Christine Swanson, 6807 Toledo Av. N., Brooklyn Center, MN 55429