

Northwest Suburban Optimist Club

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Scholarship Application requirements

1. Please complete the attached application form.
2. Please attach a copy of your high school transcript. This does not need to be an official copy, a photocopy will do.
3. Please attach a maximum of two letters of reference, if available. (They are welcome but not required.) Again, photocopies will be accepted. Please be sure to include contact information for these references.
4. Please provide a response (no more than one page) to ONE of the following essay topics:

"The role optimism has paid in my past."
"The role optimism plays in my future."
"The person who has taught me the most about optimism."

5. Please mail all of the items requested, with no two-sided pages and no staples or paper clips, no later than April 24th, 2009 to:

NW Suburban Optimist Club
c/o Christine Swanson
6807 Toledo Av. N.
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

At least 3 scholarships of no less than \$500 each are awarded annually (one for each school). Winners will be notified by May 22, 2009.

Contact Christine Swanson at swanc02@yahoo.com or 952-475-7967 with questions.

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(Application deadline is Friday, April 22nd, 2009)

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 2009 high school graduates planning to start attending college in 2009/2010. All information provided will be used to determine recipients. There are no income or GPA limitations. Recipients will be notified prior to May 22nd, 2008.

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

Completed forms should be mailed to: Christine Swanson, 6807 Toledo Av. N., Brooklyn Center, MN 55429