

7th District Optimist Scholarship
P.O. Box 53
Bushwood, MD 20618

The 7th District Optimist Scholarship Program offers entering college freshmen a scholarship pool of \$6000 which will be offered to students with a 3.0 or better in your high school graduating class. Minimum award will be \$2000 per awardee. College scholarship awards are for the fall semester of their first year. These awards are granted to the student and the learning institution where they have been accepted. These awards are made in addition to any scholarship, grants or other assistance that the students may receive from other sources.

Eligibility:

- **Be officially enrolled for the fall semester at an accredited Maryland 4-year college, community college or accredited trade school**
- **Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher**
- **Must graduate from high school in the present school year**
- **Students must reside in school boundaries of Chopticon, St Mary's Ryken (northern county area) or Leonard Hall Junior Naval Academy (northern county area) high schools.**

Procedures:

- **Submit an official high school transcript with all academic work posted through the junior year. Transcript must also indicate official numeric rank. (photocopies and computer printouts are not acceptable; official transcripts can be obtained from your registrar's office)**
- **Current resume including activities, work, volunteerism.**
- **Three letters of recommendation (family excluded)**
- **Essay describing your community service acts and leadership qualities with examples and career ambitions in 300 words or less (refer to the categories listed under the Scholarship Guidelines section)**
- **FAFSA (Free Application Federal Student Aid) form must be attached to the application**
- **Completed application form which is available from your high school guidance counselors**

Scholarship Guidelines:

Each year, the **7th District Optimist Club** awards one or more scholarships based on the following criteria:

- **The applicant must be a resident of St. Mary's County.**
- **Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.**
- **Applicant must demonstrate accomplishments in four of the five following categories:**
 1. **special talents**
 2. **leadership**
 3. **obstacles overcome**
 4. **unique endeavors**
 5. **community involvement**



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***7th District Optimist Scholarship Program
Application***

Application Instructions: Please observe these instructions carefully when preparing your application. Applications that omit one or more of the following information will not be considered. This form by itself is NOT a complete application. **The application deadline is April 14, 2018.** All application materials must be typed.

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- Submit an official high school transcript with all academic work posted through the junior year. Transcript must also indicate official numeric rank.(photocopies and computer printouts are not acceptable; official transcripts can be obtained from your registrar's office)
- Current resume including activities, work experience, volunteerism
- Three letters of recommendation (family excluded)
- Essay describing your career ambitions in 300 words or less
- Completed application form with required attachments

Student Applicant:

Name

Last

First

Middle Initial

School Attending in Fall

Parents Name

Home Address

Street and/or P.O. Box

City

State

Zip

Phone #

Counselor/School Information:

Counselor's Name: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Street and/or P.O. Box

City

State

Zip

School Phone #: _____

Student's Grade Point Average: _____

Class Standing (Rank and size of Class) _____

PACT/PSAT Score (circle appropriate one) _____

ACT Score

SAT Score

I certify by my signature below that the statements contained within these materials are true and complete to the best of my knowledge, and are made in good faith.

Student's Signature/Date _____

Counselor's Signature/Date _____

Parent (Guardian) Signature/Date _____

Return completed applications to:

7th District Optimist

Attn: Scholarship Chairman

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