CLARKSTON AREA OPTIMIST CLUB SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATIONS MUST BE TURNED INTO YOUR
COUNSELING OFFICE BY 2:30pm, MARCH 12, 2020

Eligibility: Any graduating high school senior residing in the Clarkston Community Schools attendance area, intending to continue their education in a 2 or 4 year college or university program, or a trade school. Public school, private school and home school seniors are eligible. A number of $2,000.00 scholarships will be available based upon submission of applications.

Criteria:
1. Live the Optimist Creed
2. Volunteers in programs which benefit youth
3. Involvement in extra-curricular activities

You Must Provide the following:
1. Form 1: General Information (attached)
2. Form 2: Activities & Accomplishments (attached)
3. Essay: Please tell us about a volunteer service or work experience that you have performed and what you learned from it. You may write about it from one of the following perspectives:
   a. impacted your career choices, OR
   b. contributed to our community

   NOTE: Essays should be no longer than two pages, double spaced, one inch margins, using a 12 point font. The Essay should have a title and use appropriate grammar and punctuation.

4. Two Letters of Recommendation. These letters should come from non-family members such as: teacher, counselor, principal, employer, coach, Scout leader, Clergy member, etc. No more than one from a teacher.

5. For each person who recommended you, please briefly describe, in one paragraph, how this person has influenced you or how they have made a difference in your life.

6. Form 3: Release Information (attached)

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 of only 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
FORM 1: GENERAL INFORMATION (Please fill out with a black pen or in Google Docs)

Student Information

Name: ____________________________________________

Last                     First                     Middle Initial

Home Address: ____________________________________________

Street ____________________________________________ Apt/Suite ____________

City ____________ State ____________ Zip Code ____________

Your Phone no: ____________________________ Email Address: ____________________________

Parents Names ____________________________________________ Parents Phone Number

High School Graduating From: ____________________________

Graduation Date: ____________ / ____________

Month Year

Post Graduate Education Plans

College, University or Trade School Name: ____________________________

Location: ____________________________

City ____________ State ____________

Anticipated Graduation Date: ____________ / ____________ Major: ____________________________
FORM 2: ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Awards
List, in order of importance to you, up to six awards and/or honors you have achieved in the last three years.

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High School Activities (outside of the classroom)
Tell us about your activities: clubs, internships, lessons, volunteering and hobbies. Please list ONLY EIGHT!

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Employment

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Where you in a school that had a Jr. Optimist Club? Yes No (Please check one)

Please circle each grade year that you have been in Jr Optimist: 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

If you believe that you have a special need or extenuating circumstance the Club should consider, please describe it here:

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________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________
FORM 3 – Release of Information

I certify that I meet the stated eligibility requirements for the application of the Clarkston Area Optimist Club, and that all the information in this application is complete and accurate. I understand that any inaccurate information of a substantial nature provided as part of this application will result in disqualification. I hereby voluntarily grant my high school to confirm and/or verify information to the Clarkston Area Optimist Club, or their agents for the purpose of the scholarship selection. I hereby consent to disclosure of any such information and waive any claims which may arise as a result of any disclosure. In consideration of the possible receipt of financial assistance from the Clarkston Area Optimist Club, I give up all rights to publication or use of materials submitted as part of this application, and forever release any claim to ownership of said materials.

________________________________________  ______________________
Student Signature                                 Date