

**KEEGO HARBOR OPTIMIST
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
2011-2012**



The Optimist Club is a voluntary organization of civic-minded men and women banded together for progressive thought and action in community service. Membership is composed of citizens drawn from business, industry, agriculture, and the professions. Members are motivated by the desire to contribute to the community from which they and their families derive daily benefits. There is no greater opportunity for participation in community affairs and service than in an Optimist Club.

The purposes of the Optimist Club are to develop Optimism as a philosophy of life, to promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs, to inspire respect for the law, to promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people, to aid and encourage the development of youth in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well being of man, his community, and the world.

The Optimist slogan is *Friend of Youth*. The club believes one way to befriend youth is to assist them in seeking education beyond high school. This is being done by means of the following three scholarships for students residing in Keego Harbor including the Village of Orchard Lake and City of Sylvan Lake.

Amount of Scholarship: \$1,000.00 or more

Scholarship monies must be used within two years.

CRITERIA FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS:

1. Currently fulfilling high school graduation requirements.
2. Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
3. Participation in co-curricular activities, community service, and work experience.
4. Enrollment and acceptance at an accredited two or four-year institution or trade school.
5. Submission of transcript and ACT or SAT scores.
6. **Resident of Keego Harbor, Sylvan Lake, or Orchard Lake.**
7. Three (3) essays.

Please complete this application and return to the address on the bottom of page 4, no later than April 13, 2012

KEEGO HARBOR OPTIMIST SCHOLARSHIP

(Please type or print clearly)

Personal

Name: _____ Social Security #: _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Family

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Number of Brothers/Sisters: _____ List Ages: _____

School

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Overall Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ based on a _____ GPA scale

Major area(s) of study: _____

University/college(s) to which you have been accepted for admission (give student ID number if possible):

Extra-curricular Activities: _____

Community Service/Activities: _____

Community/Vocational Aspirations: _____

Honors and Awards: _____

Write a 250-word essay on a person who, or an event that, has influenced your life in a significant way (use extra page, if needed).

When you complete your degree, what will you do to give back to your community?

Write a 200/300-word essay on what do you think an Optimist Scholar should be (add extra page, if needed).

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

If you are considered a dependent student, please indicate the approximate annual income of your family.

_____ \$10,000 or less	_____ \$30,000 - \$40,000
_____ \$10,000 - \$20,000	_____ \$40,000 - \$50,000
_____ \$20,000 - \$30,000	_____ \$50,000 or more

Do you anticipate receiving any of the following:
(Please check all that apply)

_____ Pell Grant
_____ College Work Study
_____ National Direct Student Loan
_____ State Student Incentive Grant
_____ Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL)
_____ Other (Please specify) _____

Signature

APPLICANT: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

In addition to a completed application form, the following items must be included before your application can be considered (check boxes below to indicate items are included):

- Three (3) recommendations (one must be from school staff member)
- High school transcript (official copy)
- ACT or SAT test results (official copy)
- Three (3) essays

Mail **complete package** only, postmarked no later than **April 13, 2012** to the following address:

Keego Harbor Optimist Scholarship
c/o Paul E. Lipson, Ed.D.
Secretary
Keego Harbor Optimist Club
5414 South Piccadilly Circle
West Bloomfield, Mi 48320

Applicant essays (*required*)