

**OPTIMIST OF KEEGO HARBOR  
Must live or work in Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake, or Sylvan Lake  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**



The Optimist Club is a voluntary organization of civic-minded people from all walks of life who are committed to community service. 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 individuals, communities 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 scholarships for students residing or working in the cities of Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake and Sylvan Lake.

**Amount of Scholarships: \$1500 \$1,000, \$500 scholarships have been approved by the Optimists of Keego Harbor Board of directors.**

- Scholarship monies must be used by September 1, 2024, and will be paid directly to the institution of higher learning towards the applicant's education including trade schools.

**CRITERIA FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS:**

1. Resident or Working in Keego Harbor, Sylvan Lake, or Orchard Lake.
2. Currently fulfilling high school graduation requirements.
3. Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
4. Participation in co-curricular activities, community service, and/or work experience.
5. Application or acceptance to an accredited two or four-year institution or trade school.
6. Submission of transcript and ACT or SAT scores.
7. At least 3 references, with at least one from a school staff member
8. Financial information
9. One 500 word essay
10. Completion of last page: Scholarship Candidate Agreement Form

Please complete this application and the attached checklist and return to:  
Bill Bertakis, 2120 Park Circle Keego Harbor, MI. 48320-1220  
Dead Line: June 16, 2023

**KEEGO HARBOR OPTIMIST SCHOLARSHIP**  
(Please type or print clearly)

**Personal**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Family**

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Household: \_\_\_\_\_ How Many Household Members Attend(ed) College \_\_\_\_\_

**School**

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Major area(s) of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

University/college(s) or post-secondary institutions (like trade school) to which you have been accepted/applied for admission (give student ID number if possible): One line per School

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Extra-curricular Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Community Service/Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Honors and Awards: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ESSAY**

Using the leadership roles or extracurricular activities you indicated as being important to you, describe in your essay the following: What impact has the experience (s) had on you and how you see the world? How has it influenced your plans for the future? Who or what influenced you and what may you contribute as a result as that influence through higher education? Specifically address:

- Your global perspective
- How you see your future
- The influential people in your life
- How you might give back or influence others as a result of your education

Your essay has a maximum of 500 words. Word processed copy is preferred over handwritten. Please use separate pages for your essay.

**FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION**

The table below will help to indicate your adjusted gross family income and the number of people in your family, EXCLUDING custodial parent(s)/guardian(s). **CIRCLE** the income level under the column that indicates the adjusted number of people in your family.

# IN HOUSEHOLD EXCLUDING CUSTODIAL PARENT(S)						
	1	2	3	4	5	6+
	\$17,550	\$22,100	\$26,000	\$29,100	\$32,600	\$35,900
	\$21,938	\$27,625	\$32,500	\$36,375	\$40,750	\$44,875
	\$27,422	\$34,531	\$40,625	\$45,469	\$50,938	\$56,094
	\$34,277	\$43,164	\$50,781	\$56,836	\$63,672	\$70,117
	\$42,847	\$53,955	\$63,477	\$71,045	\$79,590	\$87,646
	\$53,558	\$67,444	\$79,346	\$88,806	\$99,487	\$109,558
	\$66,948	\$84,305	\$99,182	\$111,008	\$124,359	\$136,948
	\$83,685	\$105,381	\$123,978	\$138,760	\$155,449	\$171,185
	\$104,606	\$131,726	\$154,972	\$173,450	\$194,311	\$213,981
	\$130,758	\$164,658	\$193,715	\$216,812	\$242,889	\$267,476
	\$163,447	\$205,822	\$242,144	\$271,015	\$303,611	\$334,345

Have you applied for 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 sources of financial aid (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATE AGREEMENT FORM**

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This is the final section of your application. This is an agreement between you and the Keego Harbor Optimist Club for final consideration of scholarship funds. Please read each section below carefully. Receiving a scholarship will require obligations on your part.

QUESTIONS? Contact Bill Bertakis ([intelbill@comcast.net](mailto:intelbill@comcast.net)), 248-343-8816

FINAL APPLICATION CHECKLIST  
PLACING A CHECK MARK IN THE BOX BEFORE EACH STATEMENT WILL  
ENSURE THAT YOUR APPLICATION IS COMPLETE

- All Sections of the application have been filled out...checked carefully
- Three letters of recommendations (one must be from school staff member)
- High school transcript (official copy)
- ACT or SAT test results (official copy)
- One 500-word Essay
- This form completed and signed

IF YOU ARE FORTUNATE TO BE ONE OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS WILL YOU AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING? (Write "Yes" or "No")

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to communicate with a mentor from the Keego Harbor Optimist Club on a Semi Annual basis during my first year of post-secondary education.

\_\_\_\_\_ If possible to attend the Michigan Week Breakfast to be recognized as a Scholarship Winner. The breakfast usually takes place on a Friday second week of May at 7:00am. Normally at Wabeek C.C.. I understand I will receive three complimentary tickets, but may purchase more. More information will be provided as the event gets posted.

\_\_\_\_\_ If possible to participate in at least one Keego Harbor Optimist (or another Optimist Club) event either this year or next.

\_\_\_\_\_ If possible to attend one meeting of the Keego Harbor Optimist Club during the year to give a short presentation on how my year is progressing including successes and challenges.

I HAVE COMPLETED THE APPLICATION AND CAREFULLY CONSIDERED MY RESPONSES.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or deliver the complete package, postmarked no later than June 16, 2023 to:

**Bill Bertakis (KH Optimist Chairman)**  
**2120 Park Circle**  
**Keego Harbor, MI 48320-1220**