



## The Optimist Club of Cedar Rapids Youth Scholarship

### SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

- \$1250.00 scholarships are awarded for one academic year.
  - ❖ Selection of awards will be based on *financial need, community involvement, academic plans and goals.*
- Applicant must apply and be admitted to an accredited community college, trade school, school of higher learning, college or university.
- Applicant **must submit** a high school transcript with application.
- A minimum 2.0 grade point average (based on a 4.0 system) is required.
- Money awarded will be paid directly to the school upon verification the student is registered full time for the second semester of their first year of higher education.** *A student identification number will need to be provided at this time.*
- Applications are available from high school guidance counselors. Please return completed application and transcript to your counselor.

### THE 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 only of 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



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APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Last name:	First name:	Middle name:
E-mail:	Home phone:	Cell phone:
Current address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
School Presently attending:		GPA:
PARENT INFORMATION		
Parent or guardian names:		
Phone:	E-mail:	Annual income:
Occupations:	# siblings:	# of older siblings:
# of siblings in college next year:		
Are you planning on helping to pay for your child's education?		
STUDENT INFORMATION		
<b>(If you need more space to answer these questions, please use the <i>back of the page</i> or <i>attach another sheet.</i>)</b>		
List extracurricular activities:		
List participation in other activities outside of school:		
List of ongoing participation in volunteer activities with peers or youth in the community:		
Honors Received:		
Field of study you plan to pursue in college:		
Factors that influenced your decision to enter this field:		
Are you employed or have you been employed:		
List institutions of higher learning you have applied to:		
Please provide a brief statement about your goals:		
Please provide any additional information that impacts the importance of this scholarship for your future:		
SIGNATURES		
<b><i>The above questions have been answered to the best of my ability, and I certify them as being correct.</i></b>		
Signature of applicant:		Date:
Signature of parent or guardian:		Date:

Please include *a copy of your current transcript* with this application.  
Please return the completed application by **APRIL 15, 2025**, to your **Guidance Office**.