

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF WHITESTOWN
FRIEND OF THE YOUTH**

**THE WILLIAM B. WASHBURN MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP
&
THE JOSEPH TARKOWSKI SR. & JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**TWO \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED
FOR ONE YEAR
2025-2026**

The Optimist Club has been in this area since 1961 and is proud to support the various youth activities and programs intended to benefit the children and young adults in our area. William B. Washburn was a Past-President of our Whitestown Optimist Club and started this scholarship program in the early 1990's. William Washburn passed away in 2002 and the club dedicates the award in his name for his efforts and dedication in making this Optimist Scholarship Program a reality.

This scholarship is for applicants who plan to attend college or any other vocational institution in which they may attain a higher education in a profession or trade. This scholarship is open to all students.

Student Name _____

Student Address _____

High School Attending _____

School Phone _____ Home Phone _____

List all extra-curricular and community service activities that you have been involved in that demonstrate special talent, leadership, or social responsibility:

The student must submit a brief essay of his/her goals, educational intent, and why he/she would like to be considered for this award. Please keep this to 200 words or less.

What efforts are you making toward meeting the costs of your schooling?

To what extent can your family help you meet those costs?
Please explain.

What college or vocational school do you plan to attend?

Have you been accepted? Yes _____ Pending _____ No _____

Father _____ Mother _____

Occupation _____ Occupation _____

Employer _____ Employer _____

Number of children in College next fall _____

High School/Middle School _____ Elementary/Pre-school _____

Please Note: All applications must be received by May 5, 2026 and can be submitted to the Whitesboro High School Guidance Office. Applications from each school will be referred to the Optimist Awards Committee for selection.

Please include an UNOFFICIAL transcript with your application to be used in evaluating your application.