



## Academic Scholarship Guidelines

1. Completed application must be turned in to the Dade County High School Front Office no later than [April 27, 2026](#).
2. Application packet must include:
  - High school transcript
  - Two letters of reference
  - A short (1/2 to 1 page) statement of candidate's plans and aspirations for the future
  - Completed application form
3. Applications will be reviewed and evaluated by a committee of Optimist Club members and Dade County High School staff members. The committee will select the recipients based on the following criteria:
  - Academic performance at the high school level
  - Interest and goal orientation toward attainment of a college degree
  - Financial need
4. Six (6) scholarships between the amounts of \$750.00 and \$1,500.00 each will be presented Class Night at Dade County High School. Each scholarship will be awarded student's freshman year).



## Scholarship Application

### Basic Information

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

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-School Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent Information

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Marital Status:

- ☐ Single
- ☐ Married
- ☐ Divorced
- ☐ Widowed

## **Academic Information**

High School Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Ranking: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you taken the SAT before?

- ☐ Yes    Score? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ No

Have you taken the ACT before?

- ☐ Yes    Score? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ No

What college/university/technical school do you plan to attend?

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

Career / Major Interest \_\_\_\_\_

Academics honors/accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever participated in an Optimist Oratorical and/or Optimist Essay Competition during your time in Dade County Schools? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Extracurricular Activities**

Clubs to which you belong: \_\_\_\_\_

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Offices held and committees on which you have served: \_\_\_\_\_

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Community Service Projects: \_\_\_\_\_

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Church Related Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you held a job while attending High School? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what and where? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Financial Information**

Father's gross income per year: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's gross income per year: \_\_\_\_\_

Total annual household income per year: \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of other children living in your home: \_\_\_\_\_

List of other scholarships you have received and value: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any brothers or sisters currently attending college?  
If yes, where?

\_\_\_\_\_

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Please attach a statement outlining any special needs, hardships, or extenuating circumstances you would like the scholarship committee to consider. This should include details about your current living situation and any lack of parental support, financial assistance, or child support, if applicable.

## REMINDER CHECKLIST!

Please ***don't forget*** to attach the following:

- High school transcript
- Two letters of reference
- A short (1/2 to 1 page) statement of candidate's plans and aspirations for the future
- Completed application form
- Extenuating Needs Statement (if necessary)

***Thank you for taking the time to apply for a  
Trenton-Dade Optimist Club Scholarship!  
We wish you all the best in your future endeavors!***

**Optimist International Mission Statement:**  
**By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out  
the best in our youth, our communities, and ourselves.**

