

FORT MORGAN OPTIMIST SCHOLARSHIP

All Morgan County high school seniors who are in the top one-third of their class are eligible to apply for the Optimist scholarships and are planning to attend a four year, Junior, Community College or Trade School. This application form qualifies you for all Optimist local scholarships; however, an applicant may be awarded only ONE of these scholarships. The scholarships range in value from \$500-\$1000. This application must be returned to the Fort Morgan Optimist on or before **April 31, 2026**. These scholarships are awarded on the basis of scholarship, leadership, participation and financial need. If you are awarded a Ted Clark, Boettcher, or other large scholarship, you cannot be awarded a Fort Morgan Optimist scholarship. Use of an old application- Not a 2026- will be automatically disqualified. All the information you provide will be destroyed after the scholarships are awarded.

Student's Full Name: Ms. /Mr.

Student's Address: _____ Tel: _____
Street City State Zip Area/Number

Date and Place of Birth: _____ SSN: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Occupation: _____

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Schools attended (ninth through twelfth grades)

Name of School _____ Date of Entrance _____ Period Attended _____

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Date will graduate _____ Number in Class _____ Rank in Class _____

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A copy of your ACT or SAT scores and your school transcript **MUST** be included in your application.

Signature of Student

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~OPTIONAL~

Is a parent an Optimist member? (Location of club) _____

Is a grandparent an Optimist member? (Location of club) _____

Uncle/Aunt or Guardian? _____

(Please place all information requested in the spaces indicated. Add extra pages **ONLY** after all spaces are filled. The following pages **must be completed** before adding extra pages.)

Honors and Awards

Include scholastic, extracurricular, and civic honors and awards during grades 9 through 12. Please state nature of award and grade won: i.e. Girl Scout Award-12, Class President- 12, and Football Captain- 11. Who's Who-does not qualify for any of the following.

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| 8. _____ | 19. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 20. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 21. _____ |
| 11. _____ | 22. _____ |

Activities and Organizations you participated in for three or more years

Include all scholastic, extracurricular, and civic organizations that you participated in for at least three years during grades 9-12. State name of organization and the grades you were involved: i.e. Boy Scouts, 9, 10, 11; Baseball- 9, 10; Sunday school aid- 10.

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Activities and Organizations you participated in for two years

Include all scholastic, extracurricular, and civic organizations that you participated in for two years during grades 9-12. State name of organization and the grades you were involved: i.e. 4-H- 11, 12.

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Activities and Organizations you participated in for one year

Include all scholastic, extracurricular, and civic organizations that you participated in for two years during grades 9-12. State name of organization and the grades you were involved: i.e. Badminton Team- 9

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(Not hours per day, week or month, but total hrs. worked)

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State your plans for enrollment in an accredited American college or university. Briefly state your major and your ultimate plan.

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Parental Financial Analysis

Fill in each blank. If this form is incomplete your application will be disqualified.

You may estimate this year's income or use last year's income if similar

- A. Father's _____ Stepfather's _____ annual income earned from work (after taxes)----- \$ _____
- B. Mother's _____ Stepmother's _____ annual income earned from work (after taxes)-----\$ _____
- C. **Total income** (A + B)----- \$ _____
- D. *Family Size:* include parent (s), student applicant, other dependent children, and
Other family members if applicant's parents are providing more than ½ their support-----
- E. Number of dependent children attending college next year-----
- F. Last year's Medical and Dental expenses (include insurance premiums)----- \$ _____
- G. **Useable income** (C-F)----- \$ _____
- H. Amount of unpaid mortgage----- \$ _____
- I. Farm or Business? Yes _____ No _____
- J. Amount of unpaid farm or business mortgage----- \$ _____
- K. **Total** (H + J)----- \$ _____
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Date: _____ Signed by _____ (Parent/Guardian)

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Fort Morgan Optimist Scholarship

The Fort Morgan Optimist Scholarship is a grant given to a graduating senior from any Morgan County high school. The grand is not limited to any particular field. The grant is for a single year.

All monies will be paid to the institution upon receipt of "verification of enrollment" form from the proper school officials. Scholarships awarded after August 1st of scholarship year.

Applicant Requirements:

1. Must be a graduating senior in a Morgan County high school or its related equivalent.
2. Must rank in the upper 1/2 of his/her class.
3. Must demonstrate qualities of leadership and character.
4. Must submit a comprehensive letter of recommendation from at least one person in authority from school.
5. You must submit two letters of recommendation from a person who is not an educator and not a relative.
6. Must submit a copy of an official transcript.
7. Must submit a letter explaining family's obligations, resources, financial needs, and personal life goals.

Please remit to:
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Optimist Club of Fort Morgan
19480 Road 21.5
Ft. Morgan, CO 80701