

Optimist Club of New Ulm Scholarship

The Optimist Club is a worldwide volunteer organization of civic-minded members who work each day to make the future brighter by bring out the best in children, in their communities, and in themselves.

The main focus of the Optimist Club is to aid and encourage the development of the youth in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of mankind, community and world.

We would like to offer this scholarship to those who feel community service is important and who will likely give back to the community in their future.

Eligibility Criteria:

- must be a graduating senior
- must be enrolled in a post-high school program
- must demonstrate personal involvement in school or community activities
- attended New Ulm Public School, Minnesota Valley Lutheran School, New Ulm Area Catholic School

Optimist Club of New Ulm Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

G.P.A. (cumulative, no minimum requirement): _____

Are you a member of one of the organizations the Optimist Club of New Ulm Sponsors?
(if yes, please include the number of years)

_____ JOI (Junior Optimist) _____ HCHY/SPOTS _____ Boy Scouts

POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS (GOALS) - Explain why you chose this course of study?

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - What year(s) and position(s) held?

COMMUNITY SERVICE - Explain why you feel community service is important and describe what you have done to make a difference in your community. Please differentiate between volunteering on your own vs volunteering due to church or school requirements.

OPTIMIST CREED - Please take one sentence of the creed and write up to 100 words on what it means to you.

The Optimist 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.