

# Northwest Suburban Optimist Club

*Serving the Youth of the Northwest Suburban Community since 1959*

## Scholarship Application requirements

1. Please complete the attached application form. (Available on our website: <http://www.nwsoptimists.org/pages/forms.html>)
2. Please attach a copy of your high school transcript. This does not need to be an official copy, a photocopy will do.
3. Please attach a maximum of two letters of reference, if available. (They are welcome but not required.) Again, photocopies will be accepted. Please be sure to include contact information for these references.
4. Please provide a response (no more than one page) to ONE of the following essay topics:  
"The role optimism has played in my past."  
"The role optimism plays in my future."  
"The person who has taught me the most about optimism."
5. Please mail all of the items requested, with no two-sided pages and no staples or paper clips, postmarked no later than April 1st, 2012 to:

NW Suburban Optimist Club  
c/o Christine Swanson  
6807 Toledo Av. N.  
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

At least 3 scholarships of no less than \$600 each are awarded annually (one for each school). In addition, one scholarship of \$2,000 will be awarded to one lucky student in memory of Dick and Karin Swanson. Winners will be notified by April 30, 2012. Note that if we do not receive at least 10 applications from a school we reserve the right to award that school's scholarship to a deserving student at another school.

Contact Christine Swanson at [swanc02@yahoo.com](mailto:swanc02@yahoo.com) or 612-303-7389 with questions.

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**NOTE:** This application is one of four items to be submitted. Application deadline is Friday, April 1st, 2012  
 Refer to <http://www.nwsoptimists.org/pages/forms.html> for instructions if you do not have page 1 of this packet.

## About You

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 US Citizen? (circle one) Yes No

## About Your Family

Do you live with your father, mother, or both? \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of family members in household: _____	Household annual income: _____	< \$30,000	
Comments: _____		\$30,001 < \$60,000	
		\$60,001 < \$90,000	
		> \$90,001	

## High School

Current School attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT or ACT score: \_\_\_\_\_

## College/trade/business school you plan to attend? (in order of preference)

	School name	City, State	Accredited?
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

Desired Start date: \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed completion date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Ultimate Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be living at home, in a dorm, or elsewhere? Please explain.

In what way have you prepared for the desired education?

Is anyone dependent on your earnings and is so, whom and to what extent?

How do you plan to fund your education?

Other scholarships for which you are applying?

## Employment

Current Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Start date: \_\_\_\_\_ Position held: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly Income: \_\_\_\_\_

If less than 1 year please provide previous employer:

Previous Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Start/end date: \_\_\_\_\_ Position held: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly Income: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you work while attending school? \_\_\_\_\_

If employment will change when attending school please explain:

## References

List two school employees and one personal reference (you may attach letters of reference):

Last Name: _____	First Name: _____	Middle Initial: _____
Occupation: _____	Phone: _____	Years known: _____
Last Name: _____	First Name: _____	Middle Initial: _____
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<b>You may respond to these items on a separate page in desired</b>	<p><b>Activities:</b> Please include activities in school and in the community.</p>
	<p><b>Awards, Honors and Achievements:</b></p>
	<p><b>Autobiographical statement:</b> Please include here any additional information that would help the scholarship committee.</p>

**Your signature below indicates that you have read and agree to the following:**

I understand that any scholarship or award that might be offered to me is contingent on my successful high school graduation. I understand that groups and organizations granting scholarships or awards expect that my academic standing, community citizenship and school behavior will remain at a level consistent with or better than my performance thus far in my high school career. I here by agree that I will report, in a timely manner, any significant change in my academic standing, community citizenship or school behavior to any groups or organizations to which I have applied for scholarships or awards. Further, I understand that any group or organization may withdraw their offer of a scholarship or award due to a change in my academic standing, community citizenship or school behavior.

If I am granted a scholarship I understand that I am under obligation to attend college, trade or business school.\* Failure to attend will result in forfeiture of the award. I understand the award will be made upon verification of enrollment by submitting proof of registration to the awarding organization. Income, GPA and test score verification may also be requested.

Applicant Signature: _____	Date: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____	Date: _____

This scholarship is open to all 2012 high school graduates planning to start attending college in 2012/2013. All information provided will be used to determine recipients. There are no income or GPA limitations. Recipients will be notified prior to April 30, 2012.

To find out more about the NW Suburban Optimist Club visit: [www.nwoptimists.org](http://www.nwoptimists.org)

**Mail completed forms postmarked by 4/1/2012 to: Christine Swanson, 6807 Toledo Av. N., Brooklyn Center, MN 55429**