



# OPTIMIST CLUB OF SALISBURY

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January 6, 2016

Wicomico County Public Schools  
Box 1538  
Salisbury, MD

Dear High School Counselors:

The Optimist Club of Salisbury is again sponsoring its scholarship award program in each of the county high schools. Each scholarship award has a value of \$1,500.

We would like you to distribute the attached scholarship application to any interested senior and ask that they return them to you so that we can pick them up on Monday, March 14, 2016. No dates have been put on the application, so you can establish your own "turn in to guidance" date. After reviewing the applications, we may invite students to an interview before making a final selection. It would be our pleasure to participate in the senior awards program at your school to present the award.

Thank you for your continued support and assistance. If you have any questions, please give me a call. My numbers are 443-880-3543 (cell) and 410-749-6857 (home). My email is [brattencollege@gmail.com](mailto:brattencollege@gmail.com). This contact information is for your use and should not be shared with students.

Sincerely,

Lynne P. Bratten  
Scholarship Committee Chairperson



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## OPTIMIST CLUB SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Optimist Club of Salisbury will award a \$1,500 scholarship to one high school senior from each of the five area public high schools who best exemplify the following principles of optimism:

- A. Outstanding scholastic achievement
- B. Outstanding school and community involvement
- C. Good sportsmanship and leadership
- D. Enthusiasm for self-development
- E. Respect and consideration for others
- F. Development of optimism as a philosophy of life

The award shall be made under the following specific conditions:

1. Each candidate must submit a completed Optimist Club Scholarship Award Application Form.
2. The Scholarship Award shall be paid directly to the student and shall be used for payment of normal school expenses such as tuition, school fees, room, board or books.
3. Each candidate must have a minimum cumulative weighted high school grade point average of 3.25 through the first semester of the senior year. If ranking is available, the student must be in the top 25% of the senior class.
4. Student must have participated in school and/or community activities.
5. SAT and/or ACT scores will be considered.
6. This scholarship award is available to graduating seniors from each of the five area public high schools. Applicants from Bennett, Mardela, Parkside, and Wicomico high schools must reside in Wicomico County to be eligible. All graduating seniors at Delmar High School are eligible to apply.
7. Financial need shall be considered but shall not be a prime determining factor.
8. At the discretion of the Scholarship Committee, finalists from each high school may be interviewed.
9. Final selection of the Scholarship Award will be made by the Optimist Club of Salisbury Scholarship Committee which is appointed by the Optimist Club President.
10. School winner will be announced during the school senior award program.

# **OPTIMIST CLUB SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION**

**Return this application to the school guidance office. Do not mail to the Optimist Club.**

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

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

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' name and address \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Occupation (if both work, please list separately)

Number of children in family: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children currently attending college: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) as determined on the FAFSA: \_\_\_\_\_

Schools where you have applied	application status	cost of attendance
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Describe other financial aid or scholarships you have received  
\_\_\_\_\_

What is your planned major? \_\_\_\_\_

Why have you selected this major? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

---On a separate sheet of paper, list high school and community activities, years of participation, leadership positions held and any awards or honors you have received. A current resume may be attached if all information is included.

---Include any other information you want the scholarship committee to know about you that is not on your resume including your work history, hobbies and interests.

---Attach two current reference letters.

---Include a counselor verification report, a transcript, report card and testing information.

Failure to follow directions will result in disqualification.

**Each school will set the date the application is due.**

MARCH 13, 2016

**Optimist Club of Salisbury Scholarship Award - Counselor Verification Sheet**

**To be completed by the high school guidance counselor.**

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

Cumulative Weighted Grade Point Average through first semester of senior year: \_\_\_\_\_

Percentile ranking (Wicomico County students) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of students in the graduating class \_\_\_\_\_

SAT scores: CR \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_  
(provide the best score for each)

ACT scores: English \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Science \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information requested:

1. Official transcript of all high school and college course work taken during grades 8, 9, 10 and 11.
2. Report card showing grades and courses taken during senior year semester one.
3. List of courses student will be taking during the second semester of senior year.
4. Official test card showing all SAT, ACT and AP testing.
5. School profile

Counselor verification signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_