



**CLARKSTON AREA COMMUNITY GROUPS & BUSINESSES  
COMMON HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FORM 2017**  
*ONE FORM representing the following businesses and organizations' scholarship programs*

**SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW**

**Eligibility:** Graduating high school seniors intending to continue their education in a 2 or 4 year college or university program and who live or attend school in the Clarkston area\* may apply for any or all of the scholarships listed below by using this application form.

*\*The Clarkston area is defined as: the Clarkston Community Schools attendance area.*

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 17, 2017**



**Clarkston Area Optimist Club**  
**Scholarships Available:** Up to 4 at \$1000  
**Major:** Open to all majors  
**Minimum GPA:** 2.6  
**Essay:** YES (same question as the Health Care Professionals)



**Clarkston Farm and Garden Club**  
**Scholarships Available:** Varies Yearly  
**Major:** Open to all majors  
**Minimum GPA:** not required  
**Essay:** 2 questions.



**Clarkston Foundation for Public Education**  
**Scholarships Available: 5**  
1. David M. Reschke Arts Scholarship, (1) \$1,000  
2. Robert A. Olsen Math/Engineering Scholarship (1) \$1,000  
3. Clarkston Foundation Science/Health Science Scholarship (1) \$1,000  
4. Chuck Keegan Scholarship (2) \$500  
**Major: Open to all majors**  
**Minimum GPA: 3.3**  
**Essay: Yes**

**Clarkston Medical Group**  
*Devin Werner O'Neill  
Memorial Scholarship*



**Michigan Center for  
Orthopedic Surgery**  
Shivajee Nallamothe, D.O.  
Edward J. Lis, Jr., D.O

**Clarkston Health Care Professionals**  
**Scholarships Available:** 4 at \$1,000 each  
**Major:** Health Sciences  
**Minimum GPA:** 3.3  
**Essay:** YES (same question as the Optimist)

# STEP 1: GENERAL INFORMATION (USE BLACK PEN ONLY)

## STUDENT INFORMATION

(WILL BE UTILIZED BY ALL ORGANIZATIONS STUDENT IS APPLYING TO )

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First Middle Initial*

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Apt/Suite*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*City State ZIP Code*

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## HIGH SCHOOL

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month Year*

Cumulative Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ (4.0 scale) GPA Rank \_\_\_\_\_

## COLLEGE PLANS

College Name \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_  
*City State*

Anticipated College Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Major\*\* : \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month Year*

*\*\*Please note that only careers in the health sciences are eligible for the Health Care Professionals Scholarships.*

**STEP 2: APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO:** *(Check all the scholarships you are applying for with this application. The Chamber of Commerce will make copies and get your application to each organization/group you select)*

Clarkston Area Optimist Club  Clarkston Farm and Garden Club  Clarkston Health Care Professionals  Clarkston Foundation

## OTHER INFORMATION NEEDED FOR THIS APPLICATION

**Two letters of recommendation**

Letters of recommendation should come from non-family members such as: a teacher, counselor, employer, coach, principal, or clergy member. No more than 1 letter should be from a teacher.

**For Optimist & Clarkston Farm and Garden Club Scholarship applicants:** include comments on each letter of recommendation (see page 5)

**Official copy of high school transcripts**

# STEP 3: ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## AWARDS

List, in order of importance to you, up to 6 awards and honors you have achieved in the last three years.

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## HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (outside of the classroom)

Tell us about your activities: clubs, internships, lessons, volunteering and hobbies.

Rank them in order of the time you spend on the activity. Please list up to 8. **DO NOT list more than 8!**

Activity	Circle grade/years of participation	Approximate hours per week	Approximate weeks per year	Position held or honors won
1. _____	10 11 12	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	10 11 12	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	10 11 12	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	10 11 12	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	10 11 12	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	10 11 12	_____	_____	_____
7. _____	10 11 12	_____	_____	_____
8. _____	10 11 12	_____	_____	_____

If you could continue only one activity as you become an adult, which one would you continue doing? Why?

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

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## EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYER	Circle grade/years of participation	Approximate hours per week	Approximate weeks per year	Position
1. _____	10 11 12	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	10 11 12	_____	_____	_____

# STEP 4: ESSAYS

All essays should have:

- a title
- answer the essay question
- use appropriate grammar and punctuation.

Essays should be no longer than 1 page and typed using a 12 point font.



## Clarkston Medical Group

*Devin Werner O'Neill  
Memorial Scholarship*

RDA ROESER  
DENTAL  
ASSOCIATES, P.C.



## Michigan Center for Orthopedic Surgery

Shivajee Nallamothe, D.O.  
Edward J. Lis, Jr., D.O.

**Clarkston Area Optimist Club** and the **Clarkston Health Care Professional Scholarships** use the same essay question for their scholarship application.

### ESSAY QUESTION:

Draw from one personal situation from your volunteer activities or work experiences and tell us what you learned or gained from it and how it: **(Please check one)**

- impacted your career choices, OR
- contributed to our community, OR
- shaped who you are today.



### Clarkston Farm and Garden Club

*Please answer both questions, limiting your responses to 500 words or less for each of the following questions.*

1. Tell us how you will use your knowledge and talents to make your community a better place after college.
2. Describe an experience or accomplishment that sets you apart regarding environmental preservation.



THE CLARKSTON FOUNDATION

### The Clarkston Foundation

Please share specific examples of your talents and leadership in:

- Math/engineering or
- the arts, or
- the science/health science.

Expand upon this description with your thoughts on the potential impact your talents may bring in the future.

## STEP 5: UNDERSTANDING THE SELECTION PROCESS



**The Clarkston Area Optimist Club** Optimist scholarships will be awarded to well-rounded students who are academically successful, involved in extra-curricular activities, and work or volunteer their time in community service. Our motto is “Friend of Youth”, therefore those activities supporting youth will be given priority.

**You have provided two letters of recommendation. For each, please briefly describe how this person has influenced you and how they have made a difference in your life.**

Scholarship recipients will be notified in May and will receive a certificate at their Awards Assembly. Recipients and their families will be invited to an Optimist Club breakfast for a formal check presentation. Recipients are also invited to participate in the July 4th parade with the Optimists.

**The criteria for the Clarkston Area Optimist Club’s Henry E. Richardson Scholarships are:**

1. Lives the Optimist Creed
2. Volunteers in programs which benefit youth
3. Involvement in extra-curricular activities
4. GPA of 2.6 or higher
5. Complete a “Scholarship Application,” package, including
  - an essay written as described in this application
  - two (2) letters of recommendation (only one from a teacher)
  - comments on each recommendation writer, as noted above
6. Provide your high school transcript

**The criteria for the CHS Optimist Club Scholarship includes all of the above, plus:**

1. Involvement in the CHS Optimist Club during senior year and one additional year.
2. Must have completed 80 hours working on club activities during your senior year.
3. Must provide a third letter from a CHS Optimist Club advisor detailing your leadership qualities which make you eligible for this individual scholarship.



**The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club** considers applicants who live in Clarkston Community Schools attendance area. Also to be considered are specific involvement in preservation and beautification of the environment, grades, values, honors and awards, school and community involvement and work experience.

1. The candidate has a personal interest in horticulture and the environment and is physically involved in its preservation.
2. Our club is interested in the impact this scholarship will have on your education financially and your need.
3. The student is actively participating in their community
4. Family members of current garden club members are ineligible to apply.



**The Clarkston Foundation** is dedicated to inspiring the young people of our community to pursue extraordinary opportunities for academic achievement and growth in the fine arts, performing arts, math and sciences, engineering and teaching. There are 5 scholarships available for the students who display outstanding performance and leadership in their respective area of interest.

# STEP 6: CHECK LIST

## DOUBLE CHECK ITEMS IN THIS APPLICATION

- Have you indicated which organizations you would like to receive your scholarship application?
- Have you completed **ALL** of the application, including the four areas on page 2?
- Have you signed and dated the release information? (*see below*)

## ADDITIONAL ITEMS NEEDED

- Two letters of recommendation (Please submit ONLY 2)**  
Letters of recommendation should come from non-family members such as: a teacher, counselor, employer, coach, principal, or clergy member. **No more than 1 letter should be from a teacher.**
- Applicant's comments on both letters of recommendation**
  
- Official copy of high school transcripts**
  
- Completed Essay(s)**  
Make sure you have completed and included the essay(s) for each of the organizations for which you are applying for a scholarship. (*Only one copy of the essay is necessary.*)

## **IMPORTANT: READ THIS**

**Provide the Chamber of Commerce with ONE copy of your application package**

**DO NOT staple your application together, use a paper clip  
Copies will be made, so only print on the FRONT side of each page**

# STEP 7: Release Information

I certify that I meet the stated eligibility requirements for the(se) program(s) and that all the information in this application is complete and accurate. I understand that any inaccurate information of a substantial nature provided as part of this application will result in disqualification. I hereby voluntarily grant my high school to confirm and/or verify information to the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and/or their agents for the purpose of the scholarship selection. I hereby consent to disclosure of any such information and waive any claims which may arise as a result of disclosure. In consideration of the possible receipt of financial assistance from Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce all rights to publication or use of materials submitted as part of my application, and forever release any claim to ownership of said materials.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Student Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

Completed Scholarship forms should be turned in to the:  
**Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 5856 S. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346.**

Forms must be received by 4:00 pm on March 17, 2017  
or POSTMARKED by that date in order to be eligible for these scholarships.

**No fax or email submissions accepted.**

**Copies of this application form** are available online at: [www.clarkston.org](http://www.clarkston.org)

**Notification** will be made to high school counseling departments and may be held back as a surprise announcement at the Senior Awards Ceremony.

# ABOUT THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

## CLARKSTON AREA OPTIMIST CLUB

[www.clarkstonoptimist.org](http://www.clarkstonoptimist.org)

Meeting the needs of young people in communities worldwide, Optimist Clubs have been "Bringing Out the Best in Kids" since 1919. Optimist Clubs conduct positive service projects aimed at providing a helping hand to youth. Club Members are best known in their communities for their upbeat attitudes. By believing in young people and empowering them to be the best they can, Optimist volunteers continually demonstrates that it is a "Friend of Youth."

### Optimist Creed

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.

## CLARKSTON FARM & GARDEN

[www.clarkstonfarmandgarden.org](http://www.clarkstonfarmandgarden.org)

The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, works to improve The Village of Clarkston and Independence Township in many different ways. They also offer school grants & scholarships. Through local participation, the group promotes beautification, education & conservation. The club has received the Hazel Herring Award for Civic Improvement from the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association in the recent 5 years. The club has received awards for civic improvements and preservation.

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