



**CLARKSTON AREA COMMUNITY GROUPS & BUSINESSES
COMMON HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FORM 2018**
ONE FORM representing the following businesses and organizations' scholarship programs

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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 30, 2018



Clarkston Area Optimist Club
Scholarships Available: Up to 4 at \$1000
Major: Open to all majors
Minimum GPA: 2.0
Essay: YES



Clarkston Farm and Garden Club
Scholarships Available: Up to 4 at \$1,000
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. The Shelmar Education Scholarship (1) \$1,000
4. Chuck Keegan Scholarship (2) \$500
Major: Open to all majors
Minimum GPA: 3.3
Essay: Yes

SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS

THE CLARKSTON OPTIMIST CLUB IS A WORLDWIDE ORGANIZATION THAT SUPPORTS YOUTH. “BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS” IS OUR MOTTO. THE PURPOSE OF THE OPTIMIST CLUB IS TO DEVELOP OPTIMISM AS A PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE, USING THE TENETS OF THE OPTIMIST CREED TO PROMOTE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN COMMUNITY SERVICE.

CLARKSTON AREA OPTIMIST CLUB

www.clarkstonoptimist.org

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

The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, works to improve the Village of Clarkston and Independence Township through beautification and education. The club provides mini grants to teachers, assemblies and college scholarships for students, professional development for staff in the areas of science and environmental education. Since the club's formation 70! years ago, it has been planting and maintaining many areas throughout our community such as the downtown planters and the Clarkston Independence District Library gardens.

CLARKSTON FOUNDATION

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.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

YOU MAY SUBMIT TO ALL ORGANIZATIONS—just check the requirements.

_____ **Clarkston Area Optimist Club**

_____ **Clarkston Farm & Garden Club**

_____ **Clarkston Foundation**

PLEASE INCLUDE THIS INFORMATION IN THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:

Step 1—Student Information

Step 2—Activities & Accomplishments (please review how many are asked for)

Step 3—Essays for the Clarkston Optimist Club, Clarkston Farm & Garden Club. See specific questions asked for each organization.

Step 4—Two Letters of Recommendation—Letters of recommendations should come from non-family members such as: teacher, counselor, principal, employer, coach, Scout leader, clergy member, etc. No more than one letter from a teacher.

Step 4 A—For Optimists & Clarkston Garden Club Scholarships, . For each person who recommended you, please briefly describe, in one paragraph, how this person has influenced you or how they have made a difference in your life.

Step 5—A Copy of High School Transcript

Step 6—Sign the Release of Information. (page 7)

STEP 1: GENERAL INFORMATION PLEASE FILL OUT IN GOOGLE DOCS OR USE BLACK PEN)

THIS INFORMATION WILL UTILIZED BY ALL ORGANIZATIONS & BUSINESSES.

STUDENT INFORMATION

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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

STEP 2: ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

AWARDS

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

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 ONLY EIGHT!

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	_____	_____	_____

Activity: _____

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

Why?

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

EMPLOYMENT

STEP 3: ESSAYS

Essays should be no longer than two pages, double spaced using a 12 point font.

All essays should

- have a title,
 - answer the Essay Question,
 - use appropriate grammar and punctuation.
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Clarkston Area Optimist Club Scholarship

ESSAY QUESTION:

Please tell us about a volunteer service or work experience that you have performed and what you have learned from it. You can write about it from any one perspective below. Please check the perspective you are writing about.

- impacted your career choices, OR
 - contributed to our community, OR
 - shaped who you are today.
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Clarkston Farm and Garden Club

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

- 1. Explain how you will use your knowledge and talents to make your chosen community a better place after college.**
 - 2. Describe an experience or accomplishment that you have participated in or sets you apart regarding plant science, beautification, environmental education, farming, or biology.**
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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.

UNDERSTANDING THE SELECTION PROCESS



Optimist Club.

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club have two types of scholarships. Optimist Club Scholarships are OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS who live in the Clarkston area. One Clarkston High School Optimist Scholarship is OPEN to students who have participated in the Clarkston High School

The criteria for the Clarkston Area Optimist Club Scholarships are:

1. Live the Optimist Creed
2. Volunteers in programs which benefit youth
3. Involvement in extra-curricular activities
4. GPA of 2.0 or higher

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

1. Involvement in the CHS Optimist Club senior year and one additional year (except transfer students).
2. Must provide a third letter from a CHS Optimist Club advisor detailing leadership qualities and volunteer experiences.

The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club considers applicants who live in Clarkston Community Schools attendance area. Also to be considered are specific involvement in gardening, environmental conservation, and beautification of the environment, grades, 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. The student is actively participating in their community
3. Family members of current garden club members are ineligible to apply.



The Clarkston Foundation supports many different educational opportunities for students in our district. We could not do this without the support and generosity of the Clarkston community. The Clarkston Foundation is comprised of and financially supported by Clarkston families, teachers, and administrators that have a passion for academic excellence. Encouraging our children to follow their hearts and minds is what the Clarkston Foundation is all about. Each year, we sponsor academic events and provide additional learning experiences that reach thousands of Clarkston school children in K-12.

STEP 6 - 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

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 (Awards, High School Activities, What Activity Would You Like to Continue answer and Employment) on page 5?
- Have you signed and dated the release information? (page 7)

- CHS Optimist Club Scholarship applicants: include advisor comments.

- Two letters of recommendation (Please submit ONLY 2)

- 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.

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

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 30, 2018 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
Notification will be made to high school counseling departments and may be held back as a surprise announcement at the Senior Awards Ceremony.