

ROCK FALLS OPTIMIST CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

(Revised 3/10/20)

ELIGIBILITY: Any graduating senior, vocational or undergraduate college student who is a legal resident of Rock Falls Township High School District 301 area, regardless of the high school attended. College students are encouraged to apply every year. This award may be received more than once, but must be applied for every year.

AWARDS: The award may range from \$200 to \$800 depending on the number of applicants and funds available. The award shall be used within one year of receiving the award. Arrangements must be made with the Optimist Club to carry over any award.

QUALIFYING EXPENSES: Room & Board, Tuition, and Books

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

1. Directly to the school for tuition, books, fees, and supplies.
2. Directly to the student upon proof of payment for qualifying expenses.
3. The award must be used within one year of receiving the award.
4. Payment will be made by the Sterling/Rock Falls Community Trust.

INSTRUCTIONS & REQUIREMENTS:

1. Minimum accumulative GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
2. Completed application by applicant.
 - a. Please type or print clearly.
 - b. College and High School students can use the same application form.
 - c. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
3. Current ***official school transcript*** of courses completed. (***Not*** an internet version)
4. Two current, dated, and preferably typewritten reference letters.
 - a. From non-family members.
 - b. They should be included with the application
 - i. Letters can be sent in sealed envelopes, if desired by the author.
 - ii. This instruction page can be shared with the people providing letters.
 - iii. We prefer they are **NOT** mailed direct to the Optimist Club.
5. Current typewritten biographical essay about yourself including goals, special needs, future plans, work experiences, and any other information that you wish to share.
6. In order, staple the application, transcripts, references, and essay with **one** staple.
7. Completed applications must be submitted or postmarked on or before ***April 1*** to:

Kelly Keaschall
1319 Quail Court
Rock Falls, IL 61071

Home: 815-626-9159
Work: 625-4546 Hueber/DeKalb
E-mail: kellyk@hueberllc.com

(If you have any questions, please call or use the E-mail above.)

PART 1 - PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Age: _____ Marital Status: _____

Parents or Father _____ Employment: _____
Guardians

Mother _____ Employment: _____

No. Dependents at Home (names & ages) _____ Any Others in College: _____

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

PART 2 - EMPLOYMENT OR WORK HISTORY:

	No	Yes	If yes, where?	hrs/wk
Are you employed today:	_____	_____	_____	_____

Start date or length of time at job: _____ Wages: _____

Primary Responsibilities: _____

Previous Positions: Use additional paper, if necessary.

Employer	Job Description	Started	Stopped
1) _____	_____	_____	_____
2) _____	_____	_____	_____

PART 3 - EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND & FUTURE:

High School: _____ G.P.A. _____ S.A.T. _____ A.C.T. _____ Rank _____

College in which enrolled or to be enrolled: _____ G.P.A. _____

College Student ID or account Number: _____

Class (today - circle one): High School Senior Freshmen Sophomore Junior

Degree Sought: _____ Course of Study: _____

City & State: _____ Expected Date of Completion: _____

<u>Estimated Annual Expenses</u>		<u>Estimated Resources:</u>	
Tuition & Fees	_____	Grants	_____
Room & Board	_____	Scholarships	_____
Book & Supplies	_____	Parents	_____
Others	_____	Applicant	_____
Others	_____	Other	_____
Total	_____	Total	_____
Credit Hours/Year	_____ (estimated for next year)		

PART 4 - EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: College applicants list only college activities for organizations, honors, and community service in the following space. High school activities can be listed on a separate sheet for post high school applicants. High School applicants can use this space for high school information. Please use additional paper, if desired.

Organizations: _____

Honors & Awards: _____

Community & Other Volunteer Activities: _____

Applicants Signature _____ Date _____