

# **ROCK FALLS OPTIMIST CLUB SCHOLARSHIP**

(Revised 5/12/21)

**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 \$1,000 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*** for high school students. (***Not*** an internet version)
  - a. College students may use unofficial internet transcripts if significant fees are required for official transcripts. We prefer official if cost is minimal.
4. Two current, dated, and preferably typewritten reference letters.
  - a. From non-family members.
  - b. They should be included with the application
    - i. Letters should be on high school, college, or business letterhead.
    - ii. Letters can be sent in sealed envelopes, if desired by the author.
    - iii. This instruction page can be shared with the people providing letters.
    - iv. Do **NOT** have them 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.
  - a. It should not contain honors, organization membership, or awards as they are covered in other sections of the application.
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                      Home: 815-626-9159  
1319 Quail Court                      Work: 625-4546 Hueber/DeKalb  
Rock Falls, IL 61071                      E-mail: [kellyk@hueberllc.com](mailto: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 Guardians      Father \_\_\_\_\_      Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

                                 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Annual Expenses

Tuition & Fees	_____
Room & Board	_____
Book & Supplies	_____
Others	_____
Others	_____
Total	_____
Credit Hours/Year	_____

Estimated Resources:

Grants	_____
Scholarships	_____
Parents	_____
Applicant	_____
Other	_____
Total	_____

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Honors & Awards:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Community & Other Volunteer Activities:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicants Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_