



Bismarck Optimist Club

Onward and Upward Scholarship

By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists are dedicated to "Bringing Out the Best in Kids." Bismarck Optimist Club, founded in 1971, conducts positive service projects in our community aimed at providing a helping hand and opportunities to youth. Our Optimist Club members help empower young people to be the best that they can be.

Each year, one graduating high school senior from Burleigh or Morton County, North Dakota will be selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship to assist in their pursuit of a post-secondary degree or technical certificate. The scholarship must be used at a college, university or technical school in the upcoming school year.

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM?

____ Bismarck Optimist Website

____ Social Media

____ Optimist Member

____ School Counselor

____ Other (specify) _____

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Students must have a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0=A scale
- Plan to pursue an associate or undergraduate degree, or technical certificate
- Preference will be given to students who exhibit the following characteristics:
 - Self-motivation
 - Respect for others
 - Dependability
 - A spirit of service and volunteerism

Return this completed form, a current transcript and letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach, school counselor, etc. by April 1 of the applicant's senior year, to Bismarck Optimist Club:

Electronically: bis.optimist@gmail.com or mail: PO Box 511, Bismarck ND 58502-0511

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name (Last, First, Middle)	
Address	City, State, Zip
Cell Phone Number	Email
Parent/Guardian Name and Address (if different)	
Current High School	Overall Grade Point Average (GPA)
Name and Address of College/University/Technical School Attending	
Intended Major/Certificate and Desired Profession	

Career Goals After Post-Secondary Education*

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Extracurricular Activities, Work Experience, Honors*

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*Attach extra pages if necessary.

List any service projects and volunteer hours completed during your high school career. How have these benefited others and yourself? *

Other than financial need, why should you receive this scholarship? *

*Attach extra pages if necessary.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL NEED

Many scholarships are based on financial need. The committee choosing the recipient must rely on the information in this application, so please include any pertinent financial aid information to help the committee make their decision:

Family Support	Number of Siblings Attending College
Government Grants	Student Loans
Scholarship	Other Loans
Scholarship	Scholarship
Other Financial Information	

Signature of Student: _____ **Date:** _____

AWARD NOTIFICATION AND PRESENTATION

The scholarship recipient will be notified by telephone by May 1 of the submission year. The award will be presented at a subsequent Tuesday noon meeting of Bismarck Optimist Club, held at Bismarck Municipal Country Club, 930 N Griffin Street.

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 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 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 & too happy to permit the presence of trouble.