



COMMON HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FORM 2015

ONE FORM representing the following businesses and organizations' scholarship programs

SCHOLARSHIPS OVERVIEW

Application FORM

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 20, 2015



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: 4 at \$1,000

Major: Open to all majors

Minimum GPA: not required

Essay: 2 questions.



Clarkston Foundation for Public Education

Scholarships Available: 5

David M. Reschke Arts Scholarship, (1) \$1000

Robert A. Olsen Math/Science Scholarship, (1) \$1000

SHELMAR Scholarship, (1) \$1000

(For a student pursuing a teaching career)

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



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)



Michigan Center for Orthopedic Surgery

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

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STEP 3: STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS AWARDS

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

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

What do you do when you're not in class?

Tell us about your activities: clubs, internships, lessons, volunteering, summer work, 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 only do one of the activities above, which one would you keep doing? Why?

EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYER	Circle grade/years Of participation	Approximate Hours per week	Approximate weeks per year	Position
1. _____	10 11 12	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	10 11 12	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	10 11 12	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	10 11 12	_____	_____	_____

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STEP 4: ESSAYS



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

Essays should have:

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

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

Handwritten essays may be disqualified.

Clarkston Medical Group

Devin Werner O'Neill
Memorial Scholarship



Michigan Center for Orthopedic Surgery

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***ESSAY QUESTION:

(Choose one area to respond to)

Thinking about a personal situation from your volunteer activities or work experiences tell us what you learned or gained from that experience and how it:

- 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 250 words or less for each of the following questions.

1. Which activities, honors or awards do you value most and how might these awards affect you in the next years and why.
2. Describe a special attribute, experience or accomplishment that sets you apart regarding preservation of the environment.



THE CLARKSTON FOUNDATION

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Please share specific examples of your talents and leadership in:

- math and science, or
- the performing or fine arts, or
- the teaching field.

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

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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 Optimist Foundation Henry E. Richardson “Friend of Youth” Scholarships are:

1. Lives the Optimist Creed
2. Goodwill deeds—Volunteering in youth programs
3. Involvement in extra-curricular activities
4. 2.6 or greater GPA
5. Letters of recommendation (2)
6. High school transcripts

The criteria for the Optimist Foundation “Octagon” Scholarship includes the above items and:

1. Involvement in Octagon Club during senior year plus one additional year.
2. Demonstrates leadership.
3. Letter of recommendation from Octagon advisor.



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.



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, and teaching. The ***Robert A. Olsen Math and Science Scholarship*** and the ***Clarkston Foundation Art Scholarship*** are awarded to the 2 students who best demonstrate outstanding performance and leadership in their respective area of interest. The ***Shelmar Scholarship*** is awarded to 1 student who best demonstrates outstanding performance and leadership in the teaching area.

CLARKSTON AREA COMMUNITY JOINT SCHOLARSHIP FORM 2015**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 filled out the student activities and information?
- Have you signed and dated the release information? (*see below*)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS NEEDED

- Two letters of recommendation (Please submit no more than 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.**
- 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!!***DO NOT STAPLE or BIND your application.***

The Chamber will make the additional copies of your application form, essay, student profile and transcripts so each organization has a complete set of information to review.

*****You do not need to submit additional copies.***

Only ONE SET is necessary!**

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 20, 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

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.optimist.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 make this world a better place to live.

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 in many different ways. 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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