



# Optimist Club of Reno Scholarship Program 2025-26

The Optimist Club of Reno is proud to announce the Optimist Club of Reno Scholarship Program for eighth-grade students. **Six (6) \$3000** scholarships will be awarded to students enrolled in northern Nevada schools who are recognized for their educational achievements and their overall demonstration of optimism in their school and community.

## 2025 Optimist Club Scholars

### Applicants must:

- Be thirteen (13) years of age
- Be legal citizens of the fifty (50) United States or the District of Columbia
- Be currently enrolled in a Nevada middle school in the **8th** grade

### Student Applications must include:

- Scholarship Application
- Recommendation letter from a teacher or school administrator
- Student 700-800 word essay on the "**How My Acts of Service Help Me Understand What My Community Means to Me**"
- Official Copy of School Transcript
- Resume of Awards, Extracurricular Activities and Services
- School Picture



**Online DEADLINE:** [February 20th, 2026](#) at 11:59 pm Pacific Standard Time

**SUBMISSION:** All submissions will be on-line on the Optimist website. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**  
[www.optimistclubofreno.org](http://www.optimistclubofreno.org)

Any letters should be addressed to:

**Dr. Dee Frewert., Scholarship Program Chairman**  
Optimist Club of Reno, P.O. Box 3888, Carson City, Nevada 89702

**AWARDS:** [To be announced no later than March 1st, 2026. Mandatory for the scholar or a representative to attend the Optimist Youth Appreciation Celebration on March 8th, 2026 at the Elks Lodge in Reno.](#)

All decisions are final. Students applying must have the consent of their parents and the recommendation of at least one member of the teaching staff.



# Optimist Club of Reno Scholarship Application Form

*Print and use this cover page for the application package.*

First and Last Name			Date:
Mailing Address			
Date of Birth			
School Name		Website	
Middle School Principal Name		Phone	
		Email	
Recommending Teacher Name		Phone	
		Email	

By signing this scholarship application, the parent(s) or guardian(s) agree to submit this information, to provide a press and photo release, and to support the Optimist Club of Reno in a recognition event. Scholarships and distribution methods are subject to change without notice. Scholarships may be rescinded if the student elects not to pursue post-secondary school training or college. Terms and conditions for receiving a scholarship will be provided upon the scholarship decision and notification of the award. **Students awarded must update contact information annually to remain in good communication standing with the Optimist Club of Reno. Students will be expected to contact the Optimist Club for inquiries and follow through with their required terms.**

Guardian or Parent Signature		Student is US Legal Citizen	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Approve Photo and Press Release (parent signature)			
Parent Address		Grade	
Parent Phone		Parent Email	
Student Signature		Student Email	

**Application Package Checklist:** Initial all verified and completed attachments.

**PLEASE SUBMIT AS ONE FILE IN THIS ORDER.**

Application Package [FILE 1] (.pdf) <Student Name>.pdf

- \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Application Form (this page)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Recommendation letter from teacher or school administrator
- \_\_\_\_\_ Student 700-800 word essay

**"How My Acts of Service Help Me Understand What My Community Means to Me"**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Official Copy of School Transcript
- \_\_\_\_\_ Resume of Awards, Extracurricular Activities and Services

Photo [FILE 2] (.jpg) <Student Name>.jpg **high-resolution**

\_\_\_\_\_ Student's photo or School Picture, authorized and released for publication