

2020 Fitchburg Optimist Club Scholarship for Community Service to Youth



Awarded to Fitchburg residents pursuing higher education who are involved working and/or volunteering with youth in the community. The Fitchburg Optimist Club is a group of dedicated volunteers from Fitchburg, WI with the mission of “Bringing out the Best in Kids”. We’re pleased to award 2 scholarships, each in the amount of \$1000 to students who are committed to community service and helping “bring out the best” in area youth.

Eligibility: Open to residents of the City of Fitchburg age 21 or under who will be continuing their education in 2020. The winners are each awarded \$1000 toward their education/training and there is a potential for an additional secondary award.

Applications are now being accepted and are due at the end of March. Winner will be announced and contacted in Late April or early May.

FAQs

1) *When is the deadline for the scholarship application?*

The deadline for the application is 10 PM on Sunday, March 29th. Applications must be RECEIVED by this time either online or by mail. Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.

2) *Who is eligible to Apply for the 2020 Fitchburg Optimist Club Scholarship for Community Service?*

All high school seniors, students with GED diplomas, undergraduate (2yr or 4yr) college students, and students at vocational or trade schools who meet the requirements below are eligible. Requirements: US Citizen or Permanent Resident living in Fitchburg, WI, 21 years old or younger as of 3/29/2020, and accepted into an accredited academic/training program to start in the summer or fall of 2020.

3) *Do I have to be enrolled in High School currently to apply?*

No, as long as you are either currently in H.S. or hold a H.S. Diploma or equivalent and are accepted into an accredited academic or training program for the fall of 2020.

4) *How can I maximize my chances of receiving this scholarship?*

- a) Start your application early and complete it on time. The earlier you start the application, the better chance you have to submit the application before the deadline. You also have more time to ask us questions in case any part of the process needs clarification.
- b) Tell us about yourself and use specific details when sharing your extracurricular activities. We do not know anything about you until you share it with us. Specific details can help us understand your greatness and involvement. The same can be said about your short essays. We don't expect the essays to run too long but make sure your essay helps us learn more about you and your perspectives. Provide lists as you see fit so we can gauge your level of involvement.
- c) Review your application for accuracy, grammar, and spelling errors.

5) *I don't have a very high GPA. Do I have any chance of receiving this scholarship?*

Yes, we take many factors into consideration when determining your candidacy for the scholarship. Community service experience, your reference(s), the level of involvement with youth, and other strengths are all taken into account in the decision making process.

Feel free to retype the form or attach additional pages as long as you include all of the requested information and it is clearly legible.

APPLICATION 2020 Fitchburg Optimist Club Scholarship for Community Service to Youth



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Age (as of 3/29/20): _____ H.S. Graduation Date: ___/___/____ H.S. Name: _____

School Counselor Name: _____ Principal: _____

Student Plans:

Institution and/or Program to which you have been accepted for summer or fall 2020: _____

Anticipated Major/Degree/Certification: _____

Community Service (please use 350 words or less for each, feel free to attach addition sheets):

How have you been involved in helping to "Bring Out the Best" in youth in our community?

How do you plan to stay involved in your community and help youth to succeed in the future?

Name of a Reference (non-family) we can contact to discuss your community involvement: _____

Reference e-mail: _____ Reference phone #: _____

Acceptance of Terms

I give permission to the Optimist Club of Fitchburg and the scholarship committee to contact the people listed on this form to discuss my involvement and qualifications. I understand that the essay I am submitting becomes the property of the Fitchburg Optimist Club Scholarship Committee and may be used by them for purposes they see fit. Furthermore, should I be a recipient of this scholarship, I give permission to the Scholarship Committee to use the information and essays submitted on the application form in award recognition, and I will provide further information to the Optimist Club of Fitchburg so they can forward the award to the educational institution.

Yes, I accept these terms Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/____
(include signature of parent or legal guardian if under 18)

Email completed applications to FitchburgOptimistScholarship@gmail.com or Mail to Fitchburg Optimist Club c/o Jake Johnson, 2617 Targhee St., Fitchburg, WI 53711