



Optimist Scholarship Foundation of Southeast Texas

Optimist Scholarship Program 2018-2019

Program Information Letter

Welcome to the Optimist Scholarship Program. Every year since 1960 the Optimist Scholarship Foundation of Southeast Texas has presented its scholarship program with the support and assistance of local area Optimist Clubs that sponsor local high schools.

The scholarship program is open to all seniors in a sponsored high school. A senior may participate in the scholarship program once. With the assistance of a School Adult Contact, any senior interested in the scholarship program may receive a Student Application Entry Form and this Program Information Letter. Each Student Application Entry Form is **UNIQUE**, the form is identified as a Girl or Boy, then a school ID letter and finally an ID number. The entry form does not allow the student's name and school's name on it. The School Adult Contact will record the unique ID number with the student's contact information on a Student ID Sheet.

The completed Student Application Entry Forms must be returned to the School Adult Contact by **Thursday, February 14, 2019**. The students are now club contestants.

The Optimist Club that sponsors your high school is now responsible for grading and selecting one girl semi-finalist and one boy semi-finalist. The semi-finalists' Student Application Entry Forms and Club Semi-Finalists' ID Cards are forwarded to the Optimist Scholarship Foundation Program coordinator.

The club semi-finalists from ALL sponsored high schools are now considered Optimist Scholarship Foundation Program finalists. The final judging is scheduled to be held **Saturday, March 30, 2019**, at the Junior Achievement building, 3710 Dacoma, Houston TX 77092 (note: time has not been set). The finalists will be notified by mail and email to verify the date, time, and location, with any special instructions regarding the final judging that includes a **personal interview** during the grading. The finalists are encouraged to be prepared to answer questions about the information on their Student Application Entry Form.

The judges select five (5) finalist girls and five (5) finalist boys to receive \$3,000 each for their freshman year of college. These ten (10) finalists will be notified by the Optimist Scholarship Foundation Program coordinator by mail and email at a later date.