



# Optimist Club of Calvert-Prince Frederick LES KNAPP - \$8,000 & JIM KING - \$6,000 2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2021-\_\_\_\_\_

The Optimist Club of Calvert-Prince Frederick, through the Calvert Optimist Community Parks Foundation, Inc., each year awards two (2) scholarships providing financial assistance to students graduating from Calvert County public high schools for undergraduate study in the field of their choice at a college or university. These scholarship awards must be used for continued education at any college or university approved by the Optimist Club of Calvert.

The first-place scholarship recipient will receive the Optimist Club of Calvert-Knapp Scholarship; an award of \$8,000, to be paid at the rate of \$2,000 per year for up to four (4) years of continuing education.

The second-place scholarship recipient will receive the Optimist of Calvert-Jim King Scholarship; an award of \$6,000, to be paid at the rate of \$1,500 per year for up to four (4) years of continuing education.

Payments are made directly to the student in advance of the fall semester each year over a four-year period.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

1. Applicants must be residents of Calvert County, MD and be in the current graduating class of a Calvert County public high school.
2. Children, stepchildren, and grandchildren of members of the Optimist Club of Calvert-Prince Frederick are not eligible for this award.
3. Applicants must be accepted to a college or university approved by the Optimist Club of Calvert-Prince Frederick, prior to distribution of any award.
4. Scholarship funds for ensuing years will be paid during the month of August, directly to the student, upon the receipt of a certificate of enrollment for the fall semester and a copy of the student's current transcript. (Mail transcript to address listed in No. 4 of Procedures Section.)
5. Scholarship awards are scheduled for four (4) annual payments. Any lapse due to temporary/personal circumstances of up to one-year will be permitted, if the recipient advises the Calvert-Prince Frederick Optimist Club of the need to defer/delay payment. Failure to advise the Optimist Club of the need to defer payment may result in forfeiture of any future scholarship award payments.
6. Scholarship recipients will be invited to attend a meeting of the Optimist Club of Calvert-Prince Frederick (if Covid-19 restrictions allow) to receive their award.

## **PROCEDURES**

1. Applications will be reviewed and the final selections for the successful awardees will be made by a committee consisting of members of the Optimist Club of Calvert-Prince Frederick. If either selected recipient chooses not to utilize the award, an alternative recipient will be chosen by this committee.
2. Applicants will be judged on character, citizenship, scholastic ability, community service and financial need. Recommendations from various organizations (school, church, Scout programs, 4-H, etc.) will be sought when deemed pertinent and necessary.
3. Applications are available electronically from the Guidance Office at the Calvert County public high school from which the applicant will be graduating, on the Optimist Club of Calvert's website ([www.CalvertOptimists.org](http://www.CalvertOptimists.org)) or contact the Scholarship Committee (410-257-7012).
4. Applications **MUST BE RECEIVED** by the Scholarship Committee on or before **April 30, 2021**. Late applications will not be accepted. Mail or email a completed application, current school transcript and any required information (incomplete applications will not be considered) to either:  
Optimist Scholarship Committee  
c/o Betty Knapp  
8233 Pushaw Station Road, Owings, MD 20736,  
or emailed to [testudo74@comcast.net](mailto:testudo74@comcast.net)
5. Scholarship recipients will be notified of the decision of the Committee. Notification will be by letter in late May/early June.



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**Student's Statement of Accuracy & Acknowledgement**

As an applicant for a scholarship from the Optimist Club of Calvert-Prince Frederick, I hereby affirm that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I realize that the Scholarship Committee may verify this information at a later time.

I submit this application with the required essay, transcript and supporting information. And that I understand that incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

I agree that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, I will attend a meeting of the Optimist Club of Calvert-Prince Frederick to receive my scholarship award. I also consent, that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, my photograph may be taken and used to promote the Optimist Club's Scholarship Program. (Photo may be waived due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, it is my responsibility to submit to the Optimist Club of Calvert-Prince Frederick, no later than August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, a certificate of enrollment for the fall semester and a copy of my current transcript to receive the ensuing year's payments.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Scholarship Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please type or print your answers on the application. (Use additional sheets if necessary.)**

**PERSONAL**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name & Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Post Office \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_ Guidance Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_



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Father's Occupation-\_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Occupation-\_\_\_\_\_

Family Income -  <\$20,000  \$20,000-\$40,000  \$40,000-\$60,000  \$60,000-\$80,000  \$80,000-\$100,000  >\$100,000  
(Use the Gross Annual Income from IRS 2020 Income Tax Form 1040)

Years of residency in Calvert County:\_\_\_\_\_ List the ages of your brothers and sisters, if any:\_\_\_\_\_

List organizations/clubs (and any Office held) to which you have belonged in the past 4 years, both in and out of school-  
including Scouts, athletics, church, etc. (Use additional sheets if necessary):\_\_\_\_\_

List community service **other than** school requirements in which you have participated: (Use additional sheets if needed)

List awards and other recognition you have received (Use additional sheets if necessary)\_\_\_\_\_

List any scholarships you have applied for/or been awarded \_\_\_\_\_

Colleges/Universities to which you have applied: \_\_\_\_\_

Colleges/Universities which have accepted you for the Fall semester: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated cost of the 1<sup>st</sup> year school expenses: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated field of study: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have taken the SAT or ACT exams, please provide your score SAT \_\_\_\_\_ ACT \_\_\_\_\_

Current cumulative grade point average (**Attach your high school transcript for 3 1/2 years**) \_\_\_\_\_ Class ranking: \_\_\_\_\_

List three (3) character references and their telephone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

List any jobs you held during the past 4 years: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you intend to work during the semester at college? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please estimate hours/week \_\_\_\_\_

**ESSAY** – ON A SINGLE SHEET (8 1/2”x 11”) ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION, STATE **YOUR FUTURE EDUCATIONAL PLANS AND OCCUPATIONAL GOALS**. A WELL-PREPARED ESSAY WILL COUNT HEAVILY TOWARDS YOUR FINAL SCORE. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT YOUR ESSAY.

**TRANSCRIPT** – MAKE SURE YOU INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT TRANSCRIPT (LAST 3 1/2 YEARS) FROM YOUR HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE OFFICE WITH YOUR APPLICATION.