



Optimist Club of Calvert-Prince Frederick

Robert “Bob” Chaney Scholarship Application Criteria

Application Deadline: April 15, 2026



Career/Vocational/Technical Scholarship (\$3,000) paid at the rate of \$1,500 for up to 2 years

The Optimist Club of Calvert-Prince Frederick (OCOC-PF), through the Calvert Optimist Community Parks Foundation, Inc., awards an annual scholarship providing financial assistance to students graduating from a Calvert County Public High School. The \$3,000 scholarship is paid at the rate of \$1,500 per year. Payments are made directly to the student in advance of the training program or the fall semester each year.

RULES

- Applicants must be residents of Calvert County, MD, and be in the current graduating class of a Calvert County Public High School.
- Children, stepchildren, and grandchildren of members of the OCOC-PF are not eligible for this award.
- Applicants must be accepted for vocational or technical training to a two-year program at an accredited trade or technical school or a college or university approved by the OFOC-PF with the primary goal of receiving vocational certification or an Associate’s Degree.
- Applicants will be judged on their essay of future goals/statement of purpose, character, citizenship, grades, community service, and financial need.
- Recipients agree that their essay submitted with this application will become the property of OCOC-PF and agree to the use of their essay, name, and congratulatory photo on the OCOC-PF official website and in a press release for publication.
- Recipients will be notified by USPS mail by June 15th and invited to attend the July OCOC-PF meeting to receive their check. Subsequent checks will be mailed directly to the recipient upon receipt by the Scholarship Committee of their current transcript and enrollment registration for the next fall semester.

DEADLINE: April 15, 2026. Completed Applications, current school transcripts, and all correspondence must be sent to Optimist Scholarship Committee, c/o Betty Knapp, 8233 Pushaw Station Road, Owings, MD 20736. (443-975-0999) or via email to: knapp.glenn@gmail.com.

APPLICATIONS: are available from the high school Guidance Office, from the Scholarship Committee, or from the OCOC-PF website: optimistclubofcalvert.org.

Statement of Accuracy and Acknowledgement

I have read, understand, and will abide by the above rules and regulations and certify that the information in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that the essay is my own work reflecting my own ideas and thoughts.

Signature

Date



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

Last Name _____

First Name & Middle Initial _____

Street Address _____

Town/City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email Address _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

Age _____

High School Attended _____ Guidance Counselor _____

Mother's Name _____ Father's Name _____



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Mother's Occupation _____ Father's Occupation _____

List the ages of your brothers and sisters, if any _____

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 the most recent IRS Income Tax Form 1040)

Number of years of residency in Calvert County, Maryland _____

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

List community service *greater* than school requirements in which you have participated: (Use additional sheets if necessary) _____

List awards and other recognition you have received: (Use additional sheets if necessary) _____

List any Technical/Vocational schools, colleges or universities that have accepted you for training for the fall semester _____

Anticipated training or field of study _____

Technical/Vocational Certification, Associates or four-year Degree you are planning to receive _____

Estimated cost of training or 1st year's school expenses _____

Please list any scholarships you have applied for and/or been awarded _____

What is your current cumulative grade point average (***Attach your high school transcript for 3½ years***) _____

If you have taken the SAT or ACT exams, please provide your score: SAT _____ ACT _____

List three-character references and their telephone numbers _____

List any jobs you held during the past 4 years _____

Do you intend to work during the training period/college semester? If yes, please estimate hours/week _____

ESSAY - ON A SINGLE SHEET (8.5"x 11") ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION, STATE ***YOUR FUTURE EDUCATIONAL PLANS AND OCCUPATIONAL GOALS***. A WELL-PREPARED STATEMENT WILL COUNT HEAVILY TOWARDS YOUR SCORE. PLEASE TYPE YOUR STATEMENT.