



Optimist Club of Calvert-Prince Frederick

2026 Scholarship Application Criteria

Application Deadline: April 15, 2026



Andrew Jackson "Jack" Brown, Jr. Scholarship (\$3,000, paid at the rate of \$1,500 per year 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 student athletes 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.

ELIGIBILITY

- Open to Calvert County senior athletes graduating from a Calvert County high school.
- Children, stepchildren, and grandchildren of members of the OCOC-PF are not eligible for this award.
- Applicants will be judged on their essay, statement of purpose, character, citizenship, grades, community service, and financial need. The decision of the judges is final.
- Scholarship Committee may verify application information.
- The Scholarship recipient consents to a congratulatory photo being posted on the OCOC-PF website and for local publicity.
- Recipients must be accepted to a two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school approved by the OCOC-PF before receiving their first check.
- 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 press releases for publication.
- Recipients will be notified by USPS mail by June 15th and be invited to attend the July OCOC-PF meeting to receive their check. Subsequent checks will be mailed directly to the recipient upon the Scholarship Committee's receipt of their current transcript and enrollment registration for the next fall semester.

DEADLINE is April 15, 2026. Send completed application and current school transcript to:
Optimist Scholarship Committee, c/o Betty Knapp, 8233 Pushaw Station Road, Owings, MD 20736.
(443-975-0999) or via email to: knapp.glen@gmail.com.

APPLICATIONS Are available from the Guidance Office at the high schools, 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 \$40,000-\$60,000 \$60,000-\$80,000 \$80,000- \$100,000 \$100,000- \$120,000 >\$120,000

(Use the Gross Annual Income from the most recent IRS Income Tax Form 1040)

Number of years of residency in Calvert County, Maryland _____

Please list any athletic teams you have belonged to in the past four years, whether school-based or outside of school. Include the number of years, positions played, statistics, notable accomplishments, and honors. *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 the institution you plan to attend, the anticipated training/field of study, and the Technical/Vocational Certification, Associate's, or Bachelor's Degree you plan 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, including one of your high school coaches _____

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 - Describe your future educational and career goals and explain how your athletic and volunteer experiences have prepared you to achieve them. A WELL-PREPARED STATEMENT WILL COUNT HEAVILY TOWARDS YOUR FINAL SCORE. Please TYPE or PRINT your statement ON A SINGLE SHEET (8.5"x 11") ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION
