



Optimist Club of Calvert-Prince Frederick

2026 Scholarship Application Criteria

Application Deadline: April 15, 2026



Les Knapp Scholarship (\$8,000 to be paid at the rate of \$2,000 per year for up to 4 years)
Jim King Scholarship (\$6,000 to be paid at the rate of \$1,500 per year for up to 4 years)

The Optimist Club of Calvert-Prince Frederick (OCOC-PF), through the Calvert Optimist Community Parks Foundation, Inc., each year awards two (2) scholarships providing financial assistance to students graduating from a Calvert County Public High School for undergraduate study in the field of each recipient's choice at a college or university.

RULES

- Open to Calvert County seniors graduating from a Calvert County high school
- Applicants will be judged on their essay of future goals/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 college or university 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 OCOCPF official website and in press releases for publication.
- Recipients will be notified by USPS mail by June 15th and invited to attend the July OCOCPF 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 the 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 high school Guidance Office, 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



Optimist Club of Calvert-Prince Frederick LES KNAPP - \$8,000 & JIM KING- \$6,000 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2026-



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 _____

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 _____ 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 clubs, 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 necessary)*

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 _____

College/Universities which have accepted you for the Fall semester _____

Estimated cost of 1st year's 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 3½ 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 (8.5"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 ½ YEARS) FROM YOUR HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE OFFICE WITH YOUR APPLICATION.