

The Optimist Club of Azle, Texas

P.O. Box 1561
Azle, Texas 76098

Dear Applicant:

Attached you will find several pages which need to be completed in full for consideration for an Optimist Club of Azle, Inc. 2007 Scholarship. Please answer all questions and, if necessary, use any additional pages referencing the question number.

A major consideration given to the winners of these scholarships is financial need. In order to determine financial need we require you to attach a complete copy of your and your parents' signed 2006 U. S. Federal Tax Return with copies of all Form W-2's, schedules, and other attachments. If you are married and/or not receiving any support from your parents, prepare and sign a statement of this fact and attach a copy of only your (and your spouse's) signed 2006 U. S. Federal Tax Return, with copies of all Form W-2's, schedules, and other attachments. If you are not required to file a return because you did not work and had no income in 2006 then prepare and sign a statement of this fact. Any application submitted without these items will be considered incomplete and will not be processed. **The club will not be responsible for notifying you if your application is not complete.** There will be no exceptions granted if your parents are not required to file a tax return because of income limitations or have not filed one before the application deadline. If you wish to be considered for this scholarship your parents must prepare and attach a complete signed copy of their 2006 tax return with copies of all attachments. If the tax returns do not include all schedules and attachments or is not signed, your application will be considered incomplete.

Please note: It is VERY IMPORTANT that all applicable questions be completed in full. Any application with unanswered questions will not be considered. Also, please note that answers to questions 26, 27, & 28 must be typed or NEATLY PRINTED. Your application will not be considered if your answers cannot be easily read.

Please note: In order to preserve your anonymity with the scholarship selection committee, please refer to yourself only by your social security number unless your name is specifically asked for in a question. This includes your essay answers.

All applications must be submitted or postmarked by April 18, 2007. No late applications will be accepted.

Mail the completed application and all supporting documents to the following address:

Scholarship Committee
Optimist Club of Azle, Inc.
P.O. Box 1561
Azle, Texas 76098

Thank you and good luck.

What this application is for?

This scholarship application is to be submitted to the Optimist Club of Azle, Texas, Inc. for consideration for the Club's annual college scholarship. The number and amounts of the awards may vary from year to year and are determined by the Club's Board of Directors. The amount of the awards will be announced each year before any applications are solicited from students.

Only graduates of state accredited secondary schools located within the physical boundaries of the Azle Independent School District on the date of graduation are acceptable applicants. Post freshman year college students may apply; however, there will be no special consideration given for these students. All applications will be considered collectively without bias.

All schools to which scholarships are requested must be located in the state of Texas.

All scholarship funds go directly to the Texas college or trade school of the recipient's choice and recipients are not allowed to collect in person.

All decisions of The Optimist Club of Azle, Texas, Inc. Scholarship Committee are final.

Deadlines

All 2007 scholarships expire on April 30, 2009 and must be used before this date. All unused funds will revert back to The Optimist Club of Azle, Texas, Inc. Scholarship Fund.

INSTRUCTIONS

Some questions on the application are self-explanatory, and no additional instructions are provided.

If you need more help, ask your high school guidance counselor or parent to explain the instructions to you.

Use black or blue ink only for your answers, i.e. no colored pens, typewriter ink or computer print outs other than black or blue.

Section A: You (the student)

1-3. Use your proper name, not a nickname. Your social security number (SSN) and your name should match the number and name on your social security card.

4-7. Write in your permanent mailing address. All mail will be sent to this address.

Section C: Your Plans

22. Include as other financial assistance funds from student loans, grants, or other scholarships. Also include the amounts expected to be received from parents or other relatives.

23-25. Fill in any college(s) or technical or trade school(s) you are considering attending. If you have applied, but as of the date of this application you have not received acceptance or denial from the school, check the "Not Known" box.

26-28. Answers to these questions must be typed or neatly printed in blue or black ink.

U. S. Federal Income Tax Return

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GRADE INFORMATION RELEASE FORM

PLEASE NOTE:

**THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT AND SIGNED BY YOUR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR.
IF IT IS NOT, YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

Please Note: If you are not a current year high school graduate a copy of your latest college transcript will be accepted in lieu of this grade release form.

Student's name (first, middle initial, last)

Street Address

City State Zip code

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Phone number

Student's Social Security Number

To the High School counselor:

Please release the following information to the Optimist Club of Azle, Inc. Scholarship Committee:

	Grade or score	Up to what date or semester
Current grade point average:	_____	_____
Latest or highest S.A.T. score:	_____	_____
Latest or highest P.S.A.T. Selection Index:	_____	_____
Latest or highest A.C.T. score:	_____	_____

Signature of applicant (student)

Signature of High School Counselor

Please return completed form to:

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Optimist Club of Azle, Inc.
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Section B: Education Background

11. Date that you (the student) received, or will receive, your high school diploma from High School

 Month Day Year

12-13. Highest educational level or grade level your father and your mother completed. (*Check one box for each parent.*)

	12. Father	13. Mother
elementary school (K-8)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
high school (9-12)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
college or beyond	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C: Your Plans

14-18. Your expected enrollment status for the 2007-2008 school year

School Term	Full time	Part time	Less than part time
14. Summer term '07	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Fall semester/qtr. '07	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Winter quarter '07-08	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Spring semester/qtr. '08	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Summer term '08	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

19. What will be your course of study?

20-21. College degree/certificate you expect to receive **and** the date you expect to receive it.

20. _____
 Degree/certificate

21. _____
 Month Year

Section C: Your Plans (continued)

22. In addition to this scholarship, for what other types of financial aid are you applying and/or what other kind and how much assistance do you expect to receive. Include all scholarships for which you are applying including those from your university, college or trade school.

Kind and source of other financial assistance	Amount applied for but not yet confirmed	Amount that you have been awarded
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

23-25. What college(s) or technical or trade school(s) are you considering attending?

	School Name	City	Applied		Accepted		
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Unknown
23.	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24.	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25.	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section G: Other Information:

26. List any honors and/or awards you have received or expect to receive during high school and/or college. *Please note: your answer must be typed or NEATLY PRINTED. Use the following space provided or attach your double spaced typed answer to the application and refer to it in the space provided below.*

29. Read, Sign, and Date

All of the information provided by me or any other person on this form or on any attachment to this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and the copies of any U. S. Federal Income Tax Returns are a true and accurate copy of the forms submitted to the Internal Revenue Service. I understand that this application is being filed jointly by all signatories. If asked by an authorized agent of the Optimist Club of Azle, Texas, Inc., I agree to give proof of the information that I have given on this form. I also realize that if I do not give proof when asked, the student may be denied this scholarship.

The student and at least one parent or guardian must sign below or this form will be considered incomplete and will not be processed.

30. Signatures

a. _____ Date

b. _____ Date

Procedural Checklist

Make sure the application is complete.

If you do not complete all applicable parts or do not provide a signed grade release form (or college transcript) or tax returns your application will be considered incomplete and it will not be processed. The Optimist Club of Azle, Texas, Inc. will not be responsible for notifying you if your application is not complete.

Have you...

- _____ Completed pages 2 through 7 of the application and any other schedules that apply?
- _____ Written your social security number on every page of the application?
- _____ Signed the application and had at least one of your parents or legal guardian sign the application?
- _____ Attached a completed grade release form signed by your high school counselor (or a copy of your college transcript).
- _____ If applicable, attached copies of your (and your spouse's) completed and signed 2006 Federal U.S. Income Tax and/or copies of all W-2 Forms, schedules, and attachments or a signed statement that you did not work and/or you had no income in 2006 and, therefore are not required to file a tax return.
- _____ Attached copies of your parent's completed and signed 2006 Federal U.S. Income Tax Return and copies of all W-2 Forms, schedules, and attachments or a signed statement that you do not receive any support from your parents.