

OPTIMIST CLUB OF VINE GROVE, INC
Joe Ratazzi Scholarship Fund

It is the goal of the Optimist Club of Vine Grove to provide educational grants to worthy individuals who show promise for enriching themselves and benefiting others as a result of their educational experiences and to assist them in achieving their personal, professional, and educational goals.

This application will help us evaluate your special circumstances and determine your eligibility for the grant. Please keep this in mind as you complete the attached application.

Applications are accepted throughout the year. However, the award is presented each May for the coming school year, so it is highly recommended that your application be submitted to the Optimist Club of Vine Grove no later than April 15th.

Amount of Scholarship: \$1,000

Type of scholarship: Community Service Scholarship (one each year)

Requirements of Applicant:

1. Must be a graduating senior who is enrolled in a high school serving the youth of Vine Grove, Kentucky. Students who are residents in other areas are eligible if an active Vine Grove Optimist Club member lives in their town.
2. Must plan to attend or be attending an undergraduate program or a two-year vocational school as a full-time student.

How to Apply:

1. Complete the **Joe Ratazzi Scholarship** Application.
2. Provide proof of your residency such as a copy of your school ID, report card or driver's license.
3. Send items #1-2 above to: Optimist Club of Vine Grove, Inc
Joe Ratazzi Scholarship Fund
127 West Main Street
Vine Grove, Kentucky 40175

Deadline: April 15th

Award Notification: Applications are generally reviewed each April. Scholarship recipients will be notified promptly. Funds will be distributed directly to the college or university that the student will be attending. Recipient and their immediate family are expected to attend our annual Respect for Law Banquet for presentation of the scholarship award.

Questions may be directed to the Optimist Club's Board of Directors via postal mail at the address in #3 above.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

1. Read all of the instructions and questions completely before starting to fill out the application.
2. Fill in all the blanks. If a particular question is not applicable to your situation, insert "N/A". Failure to fill in all the blanks, or a material misstatement, may result in the application being automatically rejected.
3. If you need extra space to explain your special circumstances or to elaborate on any of the questions, please attach an additional sheet to the application. Make sure to put your name on any extra sheets.
4. Make sure that your answers to the questions describe your particular circumstances completely and accurately.
5. Remember that the Optimist Club of Vine Grove has only this application with which to base its decision. If there are special circumstances that you feel should be brought to our attention, please include these facts and circumstances on a separate sheet of paper in a clear, complete and concise manner.
6. Additional information may be requested for final determination.

We appreciate your interest in our **Joe Ratazzi Scholarship** Program and thank you for your application. Please mail your completed application, with all attachments. Please make sure that you have mailed us a COMPLETE application. We are NOT responsible for missing pages and/or attachments. Applications with missing pages and/or attachments will automatically be disqualified.

Community Service

11. On a separate sheet of paper, please provide a complete list of your community service activities during the last four years – what you did, where you did it and number of hours devoted to each project and a contact name and number for each activity.

12. List your other activities and memberships in school, civic, religious or other organizations (maximum 4 years): _____

Education

13. High School from which you graduated or expect to graduate & its location: _____

Year of graduation: _____

Grade point averages for the following years:

Freshman ____ Sophomore ____ Junior ____ Senior ____ Overall _____

14. What college, university, technical school or educational program have you been accepted to? _____

15. What is your intended Major?

16. Please attach a brief statement telling us about your future plans for yourself and your community.

17. Please attach a brief statement, if necessary, to tell us anything you think would be relevant to the consideration of this application that was not previously covered in this questionnaire.

Release Authorization

I certify that I meet the stated eligibility requirements for this program and that the information in this application is true, complete and accurate. I authorize release of information to confirm and/or verify this application and I understand that any inaccurate information of significance provided as a part of this application will result in disqualification. I hereby voluntarily grant my intended college/university permission to verify enrollment records to the Optimist Club of Vine Grove, Inc. to be used for the purpose of scholarship selection. **If selected as a scholarship recipient, I grant permission for my name, information, image or likeness to be used in press releases, websites, publications or other media outlets identifying me as a recipient of a scholarship from the Vine Grove Optimist.**

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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