

Charles H. Schoen Optimist Memorial Scholarship

For Two-year and Vocational Program Studies

This one-year scholarship is given annually to a Washington Township graduate who will be attending an associate degree or vocational/technical training program. The student may, of course, go beyond this original program of study to a 4-year college degree.

1. This form is to be completed by the student applicant.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ email: _____

Birth date: _____ Name of Parent(s)/Guardians(s): _____

Applicant's employment (if any): (Summers and/or outside school hours)

Intended post-secondary training institution (Name and Location):

Anticipated choice of training/course of study: _____

List organizations, offices, and honors while in high school:

List community services, organizations, and honors outside of school:

List three adult references (*not relatives*) and one school reference. Have your references fill out the reference sheet and mail them direct to our address.

2. Please submit a typed or neatly handwritten autobiography (about 500 words) describing your accomplishments, ambitions, and career goals with this application.

Date: _____ Applicant's Signature: _____

Return to: **Avon Optimist Club, 8103 E. US 36 #140, Avon, IN 46123**

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What is the Charles H. Schoen Optimist Memorial Scholarship?

The scholarship is open to students planning to attend a two-year (Associates degree) program or other vocational-technical training.

In addition to the many two-year Associates Degree programs offered by Colleges and Universities, programs such as medical technician, A & P mechanic, and similar vocational studies qualify for the scholarship.

One Scholarship is awarded every year for one year in the amount of \$1000.00 per semester or \$2,000.00 per year.

Is it grade dependant?

Applicants need have only a "C" average to win this scholarship. Service to the community and the ability to demonstrate that you have an interest in and an understanding of the field you intend to enter are also important considerations.

Who is eligible?

You need not be a student at Avon High School. Seniors at private schools and home-schooled students are also eligible.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Be a graduating senior.
2. Be a resident of Washington Township, Hendricks County, Indiana.
3. Intend to pursue vocational training.
4. Maintain a C average in High School.

How do I apply?

Complete the application form and mail all materials to:

Avon Optimist Club, Scholarship Application, 8103 E. US 36 #140, Avon, IN 46123

Charles H. Schoen was a Charter member of the Avon Optimist Club who maintained perfect attendance for 27 years until his death. In remembrance of him and his steadfast support of the Avon community, the Club established this scholarship.

The Charles H. Schoen Optimist Memorial Scholarship fund is a 501-c(3) not-for-profit foundation. Anyone wishing to support vocational education for Washington Township students is encouraged to contribute. Please contact the Avon Optimist Club at the Scholarship address.

The Avon Optimist Club, affiliated with Optimist International, is proud to have been a member of the Avon Community since 1959.

In addition to this scholarship, the Club helped found the A.J.A.A. Sports League and the Avon Soccer youth leagues. Also, the Club sponsors an annual Oratorical Contest, Easter Egg Hunt, and Math Bee. Support is provided for the Distinguished Young Women, Central Indiana Wood Workers, Hendricks Symphonic Society, Active Grace, Handi-capable Camp and many other local groups. The Fish Fry, held in July, is our biggest fundraiser.

Want to learn more?

The Club meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 6:30 PM, at Monical's Pizza on US 36 (Rockville Road). Membership is open to any adult interested in improving the Avon-Washington Township Community. See our website at www.avonoptimist.org.

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Request for Reference for

The above name applicant has listed you as a character reference. Will you please complete the checklist below and state briefly in the space below (or on additional sheet) your assessment of this applicant regarding his/her character, service, and initiative?

Applicants are considered on the following basis: career goals, courses studied, activities, and community service.

1. Applicant will probably achieve in post-secondary training with _____ high success _____ moderate success _____ low success

2. Applicant's motivation is _____ above average _____ average _____ low

3. Please indicate your judgment of the applicant as a candidate for a scholarship
___I highly recommend ___I recommend with reservation (Please explain) ___I do not recommend

4. On the basis of his/her personality and school citizenship
___I highly recommend ___I recommend with reservation (Please explain) ___I do not recommend

5. The Avon Optimist Club Scholarship Committee would appreciate any additional comments which will aid in the selection of the most worthy recipient of the Scholarship. Thank you for your assistance.

Your Name: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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School Assessment --- (To be completed by principal, guidance counselor, or teacher)

Name of Applicant: _____

1. Senior rank:_____ Number of students in class:_____

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Signature:_____ Position:_____ Date:_____