

OPTIMIST CLUB OF GREATER VIENNA VIRGINIA CLYDE REES AND PAUL BOOZE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS GOING ON IN CERTAIN TECHNICAL CAREERS/TRADES

BACKGROUND

The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna is **offering a \$2500 scholarship** to assist graduating seniors residing within the areas served by Oakton, Madison, and Marshall High Schools to continue their education in certain programs of a vocational or technical nature, culminating in a specific occupation/trade. There is one award per year.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

1. **Students eligible for consideration for the scholarships must reside within the Vienna Optimist Club's general service area defined by the boundaries of the FCPS school pyramids supporting Madison, Marshall, and Oakton High Schools (see <https://boundary.fcps.edu/boundary/>)**
2. **The scholarships will be available to high school graduates enrolling in a recognized school providing training which will qualify the student to enter the work force in an occupation/trade, but which does not lead to a bachelor's degree (BA/BS).**

Eligible fields:

plumber	auto and other mechanic
mason	auto body repair
carpenter	HVAC/refrigeration technician
electrician/electrical construction and engineering,	construction tech
	building energy analysis
gas fitter	welding
water well construction	cosmetologist/beautician/barber
backflow prevention	culinary arts practitioner/chef

Not all curriculum areas covered by Career and Technical Education in FCPS are eligible for these scholarships. Among these latter **ineligible areas are**: information management and technology, health and medical services, technology and engineering education, marketing, family and consumer sciences (other than culinary arts, which is eligible), and certain areas within trade and industrial education (**ineligible** are criminal justice/law enforcement, professional photography, and television production). (See



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for how these areas are currently defined by FCPS.)

The awards will be restricted to those persons who have not been granted a post-secondary school degree of any sort and who have been graduated from high school no more than one academic year. Exceptions to the one-year requirement are the case of military service immediately following high school and those awardees choosing to apply for a second year. The one-year period of eligibility for service members will begin with their honorable discharge from active duty.

THE APPLICATION

Applications for the scholarships will be made available to the high schools serving the above areas and are also available at [Optimist Club of Greater Vienna, VA](https://www.optimistclubofgreatervienna.org). Applications must include a statement of your work objectives for the next five years and why this area interests you, planned course of education/training in an eligible field, school/institute/program you will attend, and at least one letter of recommendation from a faculty member (teacher/counselor) or commanding officer that presents the applicant's qualifications for the award.

The scholarship awards will be in the form of a check payable to the educational/training institution the graduating senior will attend. The student may use an award at any time from the date of award, until and including the fall semester or quarter of the calendar year following the announcement of the award.

SCHEDULE

Completed applications (student application plus recommendation letter(s)) may be submitted to the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna any time between March 21 and no later than April 21, 2023.

Questions regarding eligibility for the scholarship, and electronic submission of the application via e-mail as an attachment, should be sent to joi@optimistclubofgreatervienna.org. If mailed, they should be sent to Optimist Club of Greater Vienna, P.O. Box 411, Vienna, VA 22183, postmarked no later than April 21, 2023. An application form is attached.

The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna will review applications during the second week of May. The winner will be announced in mid-May, 2023, and the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna will notify the winner and school reference by e-mail. The winner and the home school faculty mentor will be invited to attend a meeting of the Vienna Optimist Club on the evening of May 31, 2023, to be formally acknowledged and congratulated by the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna.



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