

OPTIMIST CLUB OF GREATER VIENNA VIRGINIA CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) SCHOLARSHIP

BACKGROUND

The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna is offering **one \$2500 scholarship** to assist graduating seniors residing within the greater Vienna, VA area to continue their education in certain programs of a vocational or technical nature, culminating in a specific occupation/trade.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

1. **Students residing within the boundaries of the FCPS school pyramids supporting Madison, Marshall, and Oakton High Schools** (see <https://boundary.fcps.edu/boundary/>)
2. **Applicants must be high school graduates enrolling in a recognized school/program providing work-force training qualifying the student in an occupation/trade, but which does not lead to a bachelor's degree (BA/BS).**
3. Applicants must not have been granted a post-secondary school degree of any sort and have graduated from high school within no more than one academic year. Exceptions to the one-year requirement include 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.

ELIGIBLE FIELDS

- Building trade (e.g., plumber, mason, carpenter)
- Welding
- Auto tech (e.g., auto mechanic, body repair)
- HVAC/refrigeration tech
- Electrician/electrical construction and engineering
- Construction tech and equipment operations
- Engineering technologist/technician (occupational track not requiring a 4-year degree)
- Medical technologist/technician (occupational track not requiring a 4-year degree)
- Cosmetology/beautician/barber
- Culinary arts practitioner/chef
- Landscape architecture/turf management

Questions regarding eligibility should be sent to CTE@optimistclubofgreatervienna.org.



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THE APPLICATION

Applications for the scholarships will be made available to the high schools serving the above areas and are also available at [Youth Programs and Scholarships | OCoGV](#). An application form is attached. Completed applications must include:

- 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,
- At least one letter of recommendation from a faculty member (teacher/counselor) or commanding officer that presents the applicant's qualifications for the award.

AWARD

The \$2500 scholarship awards will be paid directly to the educational/training institution. 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 April 1 and May 9, 2025 by email to CTE@optimistclubofgreatervienna.org or by mail to Optimist Club of Greater Vienna, P.O. Box 411, Vienna, VA 22183, postmarked no later than May 9, 2025.

The winner will be announced in late May 2025.



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