

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

## BACKGROUND

The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna is **offering a \$1500 scholarship** to assist graduating seniors residing within the areas served by Oakton, Madison, and Marshall High Schools to continue their education in programs of a vocational or technical nature, such as that offered in selected areas by Career and Technical Education (CTE) within FCPS. **There is one award per year.**

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE

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 <http://boundary.fcps.edu/boundary/>). 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.

**For the purpose of these scholarships, an occupation/trade is defined as one requiring manual or mechanical skill/skillful use of the hands.**

Examples of such **eligible occupations/trades** are:

- plumber,
- auto mechanic,
- auto body repairman,
- carpenter,
- HVAC technician,
- electrician,
- cosmetologist, and
- culinary arts practitioner/chef.

Not all curriculum areas covered by Career and Technical Education are eligible for these scholarships. Among these latter **ineligible areas are**: information management and technology, health and medical services, technology and engineering education, marketing, 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. <https://www.fcps.edu/academics/academic-overview/career-and-technical-education-cte> for how these areas are currently defined by FCPS.)



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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. 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 April 1 and no later than May 7, 2021.** Electronic submission via e-mail as an attachment is preferred and should be sent to [joie@optimistclubofgreatervienna.org](mailto:joie@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 May 7, 2021. 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, 2021, 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 an on-line meeting of the Vienna Optimist Club on the evening of June 9, 2021, to be formally acknowledged and congratulated by the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna.



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