

**The Optimist Club of Quincy  
Tom Eickelschulte Scholarship Checkoff**

- **Completed application form**
- **Current copy of your transcript with ACT/SAT results**
- **Three letters of recommendation from teachers and/or counselors (at least one must be from your current QAVTC instructor)**
- **Essay (see bottom of application form for essay requirements)**
- **Acceptance letter for admission from a 4-year college, community college or vocational training institution**

**Applications submitted without all required information may not be considered.**

**Applications are due *Friday, March 12, 2021*. Late applications will not be accepted.**

## **THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF QUINCY**

### **TOM EICKELSCHULTE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Optimist Club of Quincy Scholarship Committee annually in April selects two (2) recipients from among eligible applicants completing applications to receive these \$1,500.00 scholarship awards.

- A. Applicants must be students in good standing at the QAVTC for at least one academic year.
- B. Applicants must be students graduating from a high school served by the Quincy Area Vocational Technical Center upon completion of a professional prep or vocational-technical program of study at the QAVTC.

The Scholarship Committee utilizes written applications and personal interviews of the top applicants to determine scholarship recipients.

- A. Applicants are divided into "professional" (4 year college) and "occupational" (2 year college/tech school) groups based on their choices of post- secondary educational institutions and specializations.
- B. Applicants are then judged against others in the same group on five criteria.
  - Academic ability (GPA, grades in specialization, class rank, SAT score)
  - Attitude (attendance, work ethic, classroom behavior)
  - Character (citizenship, community service, school involvement)
  - Conduct in the interview (poise, forthrightness, ability to communicate)
  - Financial need (financial aid, family resources, educational savings, work)
- C. Applicants must submit a copy of their letter of application to attend, or a letter of acceptance, by an accredited college, community college, vocational or technical training school in their scholarship applications (four-year college major must be within a recognized vocational or technical area of study which requires a bachelor's degree).
- D. Applicants awarded the scholarships will be honored at an Optimist Club meeting and will receive a certificate of scholarship at his or her school's annual Awards Night.
- E. Payment of benefits is made directly to the Eickelschulte Scholar's college, training institution or technical school upon receipt of an acceptable notification of enrollment from the institution.
  - 1. Scholars must be enrolled at the college or institution and in the instructional program specified in the Eickelschulte Scholarship Application by and the scholarship must be claimed by March 15th of the calendar year following selection as an award recipient to avoid risk of losing this scholarship.
  - 2. The committee must be contacted by October 1 if the scholar is not enrolling for fall semester of the year in which the scholarship is awarded.

**THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF QUINCY**  
Eickelschulte Scholarship Application Form

This scholarship is available to senior vocational students of the Quincy Area Vocational-Technical Center who are completing the current academic year. **This application package must include three (3) completed and signed teacher evaluation forms, one of which must be from a teacher in the student's QAVTC area of specialization.** Applicant must show application for admission or acceptance into a professional degree or occupational certification program at a four-year college, community college or vocational-technical training institution (Please print or type).

Student's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Parents/Guardians \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ QAVTC Class/Specialization Area \_\_\_\_\_

Name of college or tech school you are planning to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Is this school a 2-year/tech school or a 4-year degree program? 2-year/tech \_\_\_\_\_ 4 year-degree program \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all scholarships for which you have received official notification that you will receive financial assistance.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any other forms of financial aid known now (including state college savings accounts, student loans and grants) that you will receive from persons other than your parents or entities not controlled by your parents.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Resources**

Father's occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate annual salary/wages (last year) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Non-work related income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate annual salary/wages (last year) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Non-work related income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dependents in the home \_\_\_\_\_ Number of younger siblings \_\_\_\_\_ Number of older siblings \_\_\_\_\_

Number of siblings currently attending college \_\_\_\_\_ Do you plan to contribute towards education costs? \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

**Attach or include the following items to this application:**

- A current copy of your transcript with national and state ACT Test results.
- An essay to demonstrate your writing ability briefly describing an intended plan for utilizing this scholarship—including planned major, a listing and explanation of participation in school and community organizations, extra-curricular activities, offices, honors, and awards received.
- To be considered, you must return the completed application with all required information to the **QAVTC main office by 3:00 P.M. on Friday, March 12, 2021**; however, significant omissions may be allowed to be submitted in a timely manner. The decisions of the Optimist Club of Quincy Scholarship Committee will be final. Evidence of deceptiveness in the application process or failure to begin using the scholarship as set forth elsewhere may be grounds for canceling the award. **Interviews will be conducted in April 2021.** Time and place will be announced to applicants. Thank you for applying for the Eickelschulte Scholarship.

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF QUINCY**  
**Attitude and Character Survey**

To: \_\_\_\_\_, Instructor      Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Subject:** \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Dependability	1	2	3	4	5	
2. Cooperativeness	1	2	3	4	5	
3. Punctuality	1	2	3	4	5	
4. Willingness to work	1	2	3	4	5	
5. Attitude toward education	1	2	3	4	5	Total _____

**Attendance** is an important indicator of the student's dedication and capacity to follow through on educational plans for higher education. The applicant's transcript shows absences for past semesters; please fill in the blanks below for the current semester to date shown above.

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3. Number of days the student has been tardy for your class this semester: \_\_\_\_\_

Please briefly describe below **applicant's academic and personal strengths** and **likelihood of success** in the chosen area of study/training in post-secondary education and career indicating any reservations and/or concerns you have about this student (add sheet or use back of form if needed).

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