

# **Optimist Club of Fort Worth Tarrant County College Scholarship Program Details**

Applicants must be currently enrolled as a senior at a high school within the FWISD or Cassata High School and express a desire to attend Tarrant County College. Awardees must be a resident of Tarrant County and graduate with a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Interested students must submit a **completed application and attach all required supporting documents** for their application to be considered. Supporting documentation to be included is as follows:

- Current transcript dated after February 1, 2022. (Obtain from school counselor.)
- Typewritten, double-spaced essay of 250 – 500 words on Topic A, B or C from “Apply Texas Essay Questions” (See Application.)
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, employer or pastor who can write about your character and motivation. References cannot be from family members. Author of reference letter must state affiliation to applicant.

Send the completed Word files and/or PDF scanned copies of the application and supporting documentation in a single email to [TCC@optimistclubfortworth.org](mailto:TCC@optimistclubfortworth.org). The email is due by **April 15, 2022**.

Scholarships to Tarrant County College for up to \$1,000 for the first year will be awarded by the Optimist Club of Fort Worth to successful applicants. The recipients will be rewarded up to \$500 per semester out of the \$1,000 total scholarship stated above for tuition, fees and books as determined by the Optimist Club of Fort Worth Scholarship Committee. Recipients must maintain the following scholarship requirements:

- Enroll and attend Tarrant County College by the academic year following their selection. Verification of enrollment is required. Scholarship funds will be paid via check directly to the Tarrant County College Foundation. (Scholarship funds will not be paid directly, nor reimbursed to, an award recipient.)
- Achieve a minimum Grade Point Average of 2.5 during the year.
- Carry a minimum of 12 hours during the first and second semesters (or 9 hours if working a minimum of 20 hours per week) for a total of 24 hours for the first year (18 if working).
- Should a student on scholarship drop out for any period of time they will not be reinstated as a scholarship recipient.

The Tarrant County College Foundation will match the OCFW scholarship in the recipients second year by applying the \$1,000 toward tuition only. Scholarship requirements remain the same in the second year of attendance. TCCF will contact first year scholarship recipients regarding eligibility to receive matching funds in the second year.

The Scholarship recipient will be selected by The Optimist Club of Fort Worth Scholarship Committee. The committee will review the applications, essays, and references and decide by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Scholarship Committee will be composed of 3 people appointed by the OCFW President and approved by the Board.