All applications must be submitted no later than 3:00 pm on Friday, April 16, 2027. Please read and the follow instructions closely. Deviation from the instructions will result in disqualification.

Morehead Optimist Club, Inc.
Founders Scholarship

General Information:

This scholarship is a memorial to the founding members of the Morehead Optimist Club, Inc. whose main objective is to benefit the youth of the community. Only graduating seniors who are residents of Rowan County are eligible.

Each scholarship is awarded in yearly increments of $500.00. You may renew it annually for a maximum of three (3) more years, provided certain requirements are met. The total of the scholarship would then become a maximum of $2,000.00.

Applications may be secured from the guidance counselor or from any member of the Morehead Optimist Club, Inc. All applications, upon completion, must be submitted to the guidance counselor within the time limit as assigned by them.

Once the completed application has been submitted to the guidance counselor (with all documentation and all questions answered), the applications will be forwarded to the Scholarship Committee for final selection and approval.

One scholarship will be awarded each year. They will be awarded on an at-large basis to the most qualified students. They are renewable annually upon:

(1) the successful completion of a full year of higher education;

(2) a maintained grade point average of 3.0 as evidenced by a certified copy of your transcript from that institution.

Founders Scholarship Requirements

1. Applicants must be graduating seniors who are a resident of Rowan County.

2. Applicants must have attained at least a 3.0 grade point average combined in the junior and senior years of high school.

3. Applicants must have documentation to show an equivalency score of a 3.0 grade point average upon completion of the GED examination.

4. Applicants must furnish the following documentation to the scholarship committee.

   a. Official transcript from high school

   b. GED Examination score (if applicable)

   c. Acceptance letter from Morehead State University or Rowan Campus of MCTC.

5. Applicant must complete and obtain signatures from the individuals listed below on the Reference Request Form. (See page 6 below for the form.)

   a. Current Guidance Counselor or other assigned administrator

   b. Community member

   c. Employer, or if not employed, a current high school teacher of the student's choice.

6. Applicant must completely answer each question on the application and must submit all other documentation requested.

7. Timely submission of the renewal application and requested documentation is the sole responsibility of the recipient of the scholarship. Receipt of renewal applications after July 15 will void the scholarship.

   Please Note: The Optimist Club will not issue a reminder regarding the renewal application or the deadline.

Thank you for your interest in the Morehead Optimist Club Inc., Founders Scholarship program.

MOREHEAD OPTIMIST CLUB, INC.
FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please type or print.

Name: _____ _____ _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Street City County State Zip

Telephone: _____ Birthdate: _____ Sex: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

I certify that the information furnished in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applications are to be sent to: Rowan County Senior High School
499 Viking Drive
Morehead, KY 40351

MOREHEAD OPTIMIST CLUB, INC.

FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Part 1

Please note: This page must be handwritten only and it must be legible. Do not put your name or any references to any members of your family on this page.

A. General Information

Number of Dependents in family including applicant: _____

Ages of all Dependents: _____

Number in College: _____ Number in high school:_____

You will pursue higher education at: _____

You have been accepted? _____Yes _____No Please attach a copy of your acceptance letter or form.

Your intended course of study/major: _____ How many years are required for a degree in this field? _____1 yr. _____ 2 yrs. _____ 3 yrs. _____ 4 yrs. _____ 5 yrs.

B. Financial Support

Have you been offered any other scholarships: Yes _____ No _____ List these awards below:

Name: _____ Amount: _____ Duration: _____

Name: _____ Amount: _____ Duration: _____

Name: _____ Amount: _____ Duration: _____

Name: _____ Amount: _____ Duration: _____

C. Tuition Plan

Payment plan for the balance of your tuition, fee, etc.: (Please check all applicable category.)
Student loan _____ Parent support_____ Additional scholarship_____ Part-time work _____
Other (specify): _____

D. Extra-Curricular Activities

Please list what you consider the most important extra-curricular activities you have participated in during your four high school years. You may list up to eight (8).

1.	2.	3.
4.	5.	6.
7.	8.	

E. Other Scholarships: Will acceptance of the this Scholarship reduce the value of any other scholarship(s) you may have applied for or have received? _____ Yes _____ No

Please Note: This scholarship cannot be used to reduce any other aid or scholarships you have received or may receive in the future.

MOREHEAD OPTIMIST CLUB, INC.
FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
Part 2: Essay Questions

Instructions:

1. Answer the following three (3) questions.
2. Use no more than 50 words per question.
3. Do not use any personal references such as your name or names of parents, family, friends, teachers, etc. You may refer to people of influence by titles such as my father, my pastor, my teacher – but no names.
4. Answers must be hand written and legible.

1. **What is your definition of Optimism?**

2. **Who has been the most important influence on your life and why? (Remember, no names.)**

3. **Why are you applying for the Founders Scholarship?**

Morehead Optimist Club, Inc.
Founders Scholarship

Reference Request Form
Agreement Statement

By my signature below and if requested, I will provide a reference for

_____ who I understand is applying for the

Founders Scholarship from the Morehead Optimist Club, Inc.

Current Guidance Counselor or School Administrator:

Name & Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____

Signature: _____

Community Member:

Name & Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____

Signature: _____

Employer or a current high school teacher of the student's choice

Name: _____ & Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____

Signature: _____

Important: Optimist Club of Morehead, Inc. Scholarship Agreement

The following will apply and your signature is required as your acknowledgment of and acceptance of these rules. No exceptions will be granted.

l. Repayment of the scholarship must be made if the applicant does not complete one entire semester of higher education.

2. If the 3.0 grade point average is not maintained for each year, the recipient will not be eligible to renew the scholarship the following year.

3. Once the applicant fails to meet any one of the eligibility requirements, the scholarship will be voided. Furthermore, the scholarship may not be renewed at any point thereafter.

4. The applicant must agree to an interview by the scholarship committee prior to the granting of the scholarship, if requested.

5. This scholarship can only be used for full time students of higher education, carrying a minimum of twelve (12) semester hours or its equivalent.

Your signature below indicates your acceptance of the rules of this scholarship as stated above.

Signature:_____ Date: _____

Applicant

Witness:_____ Date: _____

Guidance Counselor

Morehead Optimist Club, Inc.

Founders Scholarship Folder Student Cover Sheet

Dear Student:

Please complete your unfolded application including all required documentation and recommendations in a large (9" x 12") envelope.

Attach this form to the outside of the envelope containing your application documents. Submit the envelope to your Guidance Counselor before the deadline.

Print or type your name below.
Please type or print:
Name:

Last	First	Middle



The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself:

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all of your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best,
and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others
as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give
every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have
no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear,
and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.