



Freedom Optimist Soccer Scholarship

The Freedom Optimist Soccer Scholarship was created to reward high school seniors for their involvement in the Freedom Optimist Soccer Program, involvement in the community and their academic achievement. Freedom Optimist Soccer will award up to six \$1,000 scholarships each year to graduating high school seniors who meet the requirements below.

Freedom Optimist Soccer urges all seniors who played in our program for at least 3 years, with one of these years being their senior year in high school, planning to or who are furthering their education, and who meet the criteria for this scholarship to apply by **June 28, 2024**. Applications are available on the Freedom Optimist Soccer web page www.freedomoptsoccer.com in the Handouts area.

Every eligible applicant will be given the utmost consideration. All decisions on scholarship selection by the Freedom Optimist Soccer Scholarship Committee shall be final.

Eligibility Criteria

- All applicants must have played in our program for at least 3 (three) years, with one of these years being their senior year in high school.
- Applicants must be a 2024 graduating senior.
- Applicants must be planning to attend a two-year or four-year college, technical, or vocational school in the fall following graduation. The award will be paid directly to the recipient's school.

Selection Criteria

The Freedom Optimist Soccer Scholarship Committee will consider the following:

- The applicant's participation in Freedom Optimist Soccer.
- The applicant's response to the Freedom Optimist Soccer essay.
- Volunteer service hours earned, in total and also through the Freedom Optimist Soccer program.
- A Freedom Optimist Soccer recreational coach letter of recommendation.
- The academic performance of the applicant.

The following must be received by June 28 as one packet. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- Completed Application
- Signed Letter of Recommendation from a Freedom Optimist Soccer coach of the player, other than a parent/guardian of the player.
- Short Essay

Letter of Recommendation

Submit a signed letter of recommendation from a current or past Freedom Optimist Soccer recreational coach of the player, other than a parent/guardian of the player.

Short Essay

In 300 words or less, tell us about your experience with the Freedom Optimist Soccer and how you feel it helped you prepare for your educational goals as well as life as a young adult. What would you do to improve our programs?

Please type your response on a separate sheet of paper.

Any other relevant information to help the committee evaluate your application is recommended. Use of additional sheets of paper is encouraged.

Mail to:

Freedom Optimist Soccer Scholarship Committee
PO Box 53
Sykesville, MD 21784

Or Email to:

scholarships@freedomoptsoccer.com

Scholarship winners will be announced via US Mail or email.

Thank you for applying for the Freedom Optimist Soccer Scholarship and for being part of our program. We hope you have enjoyed your time playing with us.

Freedom Optimist Soccer
Scholarship Committee

Freedom Optimist Soccer Scholarship Application

Information provided in this application will be used confidentially by the Freedom Optimist Soccer Scholarship Committee only. Falsifying information will justify the committee withdrawing the applicant from consideration.

Please print or type clearly. *A separately typed response can be submitted to complete questions.*

Date of Application: _____

Applicant's Name: _____
(First, Middle, Last)

Applicant's Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(Month/Day/Year)

Name(s) of Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

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Soccer Background/History



Years Played for Freedom Optimist Soccer: _____

Coaches Names (for at least 3 seasons – please indicate grade):

Current/Graduating High School: _____

GPA as of Spring 2024 or Date of Application: Weighted _____ Unweighted _____

Class Rank: _____ out of _____

Community Service Hours Completed (*as of Date of Application*): _____

Community Service Hours Completed through Freedom Optimist Soccer (*as of Date of Application*): _____

What are your current interests? _____

Intended College Major: _____

What is your educational goal or career (post high school)?

College or institution you will be attending in the fall: _____

(If decision has not been made, please list the colleges or institutions where you have applied.)

Please provide a description of volunteer activities you wish to note. Include a description of the activity, the organization for which you volunteered, and the dates you volunteered (*use additional sheets of paper if needed*).
