

OPTIMIST CLUB OF BASTROP

February 1, 2021

Dear Applicants:

The Bastrop Optimist Club takes great pleasure in announcing the 29th annual academic “**Buddy Henderson Memorial Optimist Scholarship**”. The Optimist Club congratulates you on the skills you have been shown during your high school years. We wish you luck in your college pursuits and also in the pursuit of the Bastrop Optimist Club Scholarship for \$1,000.00.

To maximize fairness and objectivity in the process, point values have been assigned to the specific categories of information submitted by the applicant. Committee members are thoroughly instructed in this point system so that values they assign an applicant will carry a predetermined amount of weight in each category. Our membership has discussed this scoring system in depth and we believe it to be fair, independent, and reproducible while also allowing for the applicant’s best assets to be appropriately scored.

Who may apply? Any graduating senior who has attended any regional high school (s) for their sophomore, junior and senior years and has been a resident of Morehouse Parish for those three years.

Initial application requirements include:

- copies of the sophomore, junior, and senior years of high school transcripts
- recent photo of applicant
- ACT or SAT scores
- listings of awards or other honors to date received during high school
- a typed letter of three pages or less discussing why the applicant wishes to receive the scholarship and his or her long term collegiate goals; identity of college to be attended for 2021-2022 (attendance at said college is a requirement for this scholarship)
- current address and telephone number of the applicant
- any written references or recommendations from non-related individuals.

This information should be provided to the club in a **categorized and bound form** no later than **Friday, March 26, 2021**.

Three finalists will be selected and they will be invited to give an **approximate 5 minute discussion/interview** to the general Bastrop Optimist Club membership at regular Friday noon meeting, **scheduled tentatively on April 9, 2021**. Based on the finalists' previous scores and their interview score, a winner will be selected during a committee meeting. Two equal installments of one half each for semester or three equal installments of one third for each quarters of the freshman year will be forwarded to the admissions department of the college on the behalf of the winning student.

Please send or bring applicant information to:

**Kris McKoin (Edward Jones Investment office)
1302 Leavell Avenue
Bastrop, Louisiana 71220**

Sincerely,

Kris McKoin
Bastrop Optimist Club Member/ Scholarship Chairman

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