



OPTIMIST CLUB of OAKVILLE

February 1, 2018

2018 DON MACDONALD OPTIMIST BURSARY AWARD

Dear Guidance Counsellor or whom it may concern,

We are pleased to advise that our bursary program, introduced in 2009, will continue in 2018. The program is designed to support one graduating student from each of Oakville's publically supported high schools who will be going on to post-secondary education. The bursary value per recipient is \$2,000 for the 2018 year.

Attached is a document outlining the requirements for the selection of the nominee and application forms to be completed by the student and the Guidance Counsellor. We request that each school once again assist the Optimist Club in selecting their school's nominee. As outlined in the attachment, the selected nominee should exhibit a combination of scholastic achievement, community/school activity/volunteerism, as well as financial need. In considering financial need we ask that the school take into account any other awards that the student may receive, and suggest that a student not be nominated if the receipt of the Optimist Club bursary would mean that the nominated student would receive more than \$10,000 in total bursary awards this year.

The enclosed Student Application Form is to be used by students when applying for an award under the program. Please distribute a copy to those students in the 2018 graduating class that you deem suitable for nomination, and then select the most appropriate student from the applicants to put forward as your school's nominee. If you have more than one student whom you feel is equally qualified and deserving of a bursary, please provide information about both students. Please indicate your first and second choice recommendation. In the event that not all schools submit applications, we may choose to award more than one bursary per school.

Please forward all documents to the email or address shown on the application form, to be received by April 6, 2018. Additionally, when planning the 2018 commencement ceremonies please let us know as we would like, if appropriate, to send a representative to this event to present our award to the individual recipient.

If you have any questions, please contact the Bursary Chair, Patricia Mason (pmasonryawney@gmail.com) or myself at vminss@gmail.com.

Yours in Optimism,

Vicki Mains
President, Optimist Club of Oakville