



# **WEDDINGTON OPTIMIST CLUB**

*Friends of Youth*

## **2018 Weddington Optimist Computer Scholarship**

### **Computer Scholarship History:**

The Weddington Optimist Computer Scholarship has been awarded every spring since 1997. The scholarship started with one school, Sun Valley, and now incorporates eleven area high schools.

### **Computer Specifications:**

Dell Inspiron 15 3000 Series Laptop with Microsoft Office Student edition and McAfee antivirus. (2018 model will be purchased).

One scholarship will be awarded one per high school. Participating schools: CATA, Cuthbertson, Forest Hills, Marvin Ridge, Monroe, Parkwood, Piedmont, Porter Ridge, Sun Valley, Union Academy and Weddington High Schools.

### **Requirements:**

This scholarship is open to high school seniors who will be graduating in the spring 2018. Seniors do not have to be attending a 2 or 4-year higher education institution in the fall of 2018. The Optimists are looking for a candidate who will be enthusiastic and optimistic that the scholarship will help you meet your life goals as you embark on a unique life experience.

Answer the following question by writing a 2 page essay, double spaced, 1 inch margins, font size no larger than 12 and bold words are allowed. Please include your full name, date, high school and guidance counselor's name on the essay's header. Use file format .doc or .pdf.

Essays are due on March 9, 2018 at 5:00 pm. Please email or turn into your scholarship guidance counselor. Guidance counselors will pick 3 essays and will forward them to Weddington Optimist by March 23, 2018.

Winners will be selected by the Weddington Optimist Club by April 6, 2018.

### **Other information:**

Scholarship Winners' Cookout sponsored by the Weddington Optimist Club on April 26, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Winner and family members are invited.

### **Essay Question:**

Describe to us why you deserve the Computer Scholarship? Include any volunteer work you have participated in the past few years. Also, describe any life challenges that you or your family have experienced in the past few years. Incorporate a phrase from Optimist Creed in your answer. The Optimist Creed is below and the individual phrases start with 'To be so strong...' with double spacing between each phrase (Each line item is a phrase).

## ***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 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.*