

# Optimist Ron French Memorial Scholarship for Personal Growth and Achievement



Optimist Ron French was a founding member of the Grantham Optimist Club, which was formed in 1954. From the early beginnings of the Club until his passing in November 2023, Optimist Ron continued to support the Club with his time and wise counsel. Optimist Ron fully embraced the role that Optimism can play in our daily lives and how, by offering the youth of the community an opportunity to participate in many of our programs, we are truly rewarded.

## Scholarship Qualifications

This award celebrates secondary school graduates who demonstrate a commitment to their studies and, more importantly, exemplify the qualities of an Optimist through their active involvement in our Club programs. This scholarship supports students as they transition from high school to their chosen post-secondary path. The Grantham Optimist will award \$3,000 in scholarships annually. The top three (3) successful applicants for the scholarship will each receive \$1000.00.

To be considered for this award, applicants must demonstrate the following requirements:

- **Academic Dedication:** Applicants must be a graduating secondary school student who has demonstrated consistent effort and a commitment to completing their high school journey. In addition, students must be enrolled in, or have applied to, a post-secondary education program (college, university, trade school, apprenticeship) for the upcoming academic year.
- **Optimist Spirit:** Applicants exemplify the core values of Optimism as demonstrated through participation in Grantham Optimist Club programs. This includes our initiatives: the Grantham Optimist Softball League, Grantham Optimist community service, participation in the Grantham Optimist essay contest, and other organization involvement supported by the Grantham Optimist, such as the 57th Grantham Optimist Scouts, Tomorrow's Voices and Central Ontario Leadership Seminars.

We appreciate all applicants and the commitment and dedication to the Grantham Optimist community. We wish you continued success in all your future ventures! Thank you for your contributions and involvement!

# Grantham Optimist Scholarship Scoring Criteria



Academics	
The top 6 marks received from the grade twelve first-term final transcript and the second-term mid-term marks will be averaged. Additional points based on the following Grantham Optimist participation will then be added to this average to determine the applicant's final scholarship score.	
Grantham Optimist & Communication Participation	Score
Grantham Optimist Softball League- player, all leagues eligible for points including the Grantham Optimist All Stars	2 points per year
Grantham Optimist Softball League- umpire	2 points per year
Grantham Optimist Softball League-grounds crew	2 points per year
Grantham Optimist Softball League- coach	2 points per year
Grantham Optimist Essay Contest- essay submission	2 points per year
Grantham Optimist- event volunteer	2 points per year (1-9hours) 3 points per year (10+ hours)
57th Grantham Optimist Scouts- all troops included, including the Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts, additional points for years as leader	2 points per year
2026 Grantham Optimist endorsed programs: Central Ontario Leadership Seminars, Tomorrow's Voices	1 point per year

## Procedures

1. Completed applications with official first-term transcripts are to be submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Applications may be submitted prior to the second-term mid-term grades being released. Mid-term marks may be forwarded as a supplement once they become available. All applications and transcripts are to be submitted to [info@granthamoptimist.org](mailto:info@granthamoptimist.org)
2. All applications will be evaluated and confirmed by Grantham Optimist Scholarship committee members. Grantham Optimist Club members will verify all program participation.
3. Notification to scholarship winners will be provided through phone call and e-mail notification, no later than the end of June 2026. The committee will also notify the unsuccessful applicants by e-mail.



# Optimist Ron French Memorial Scholarship for Personal Growth and Achievement Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(DD/MM/YYYY)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(address, city, postal code)

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Please identify your intended post-secondary institution and the specific program of study you plan to pursue: \_\_\_\_\_

Please share your Grantham Optimist involvement. Use an additional page, if required.

<b>Grantham Optimist Softball</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Softball Player Years _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Coach Years _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds Crew Years _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Umpire Years _____	<b>Grantham Optimist Essay Contest Submissions</b> Years: _____ <b>Grantham Optimist Volunteering</b> Years and Events: _____ _____ _____ _____
<b>Grantham Optimist Community Programs</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 57th Scouts (member, volunteer) Years: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Central Ontario Leadership Seminar Years: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Tomorrow's Voices Years: _____	

Applications to be submitted by May 1, 2026. An official transcript indicating your first-semester marks must accompany this application. Second-semester midterm transcripts can be submitted upon release. All applications and transcripts to be sent to [info@granthamoptimist.org](mailto:info@granthamoptimist.org)

Verified by School Administration: \_\_\_\_\_  
(printed name)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_