

## OPTIMIST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2020

The Optimist Club of Point Loma, an affiliate of Optimist International, has for many years recognized outstanding students at Point Loma High School through its Scholarship Program. This year, our club will be awarding college scholarships to selected graduating seniors of Point Loma High School. The specific amount of any award will be determined by the Club's Scholarship Committee, and past awards have ranged to as high as \$6,000!

This program is open to graduating seniors of Point Loma High School who reside in the Point Loma, Ocean Beach, Loma Portal and Midway communities of San Diego as defined by Postal Service Zip Codes 92106, 92107 and 92110.

Each interested candidate is asked to complete an official Entry Form along with a typed biographical sketch up to two pages in length. **The Entry Form and Bio must be delivered to Ms. Sarah Brandl with the Point Loma High School Counselors' Office no later than Friday, May 8, 2020.** After a review of all submitted entries, selected candidates will be invited for a personal interview with the Point Loma Optimist Scholarship Committee, typically held on a Saturday in May.

Scholarship awards will be determined using the following criteria:

1. Information contained in the candidate's official Entry Form and Biographical Sketch.
2. An evaluation and recommendation from the Counselors' Office of Point Loma High School. **NOTE: please do not ask your principal, counselor or teacher for this recommendation. The scholarship committee will obtain this directly from the appropriate school personnel.**
3. The candidate's demonstrated evidence of Citizenship, Character, Leadership, Scholarship and Financial Need.
4. The candidate's personal interview with the Point Loma Optimist Club Scholarship Committee. **Please note that this year, due to the "social distancing" issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic, interviews may be held via the internet using the "Zoom" video-conferencing app (available from the app store or via [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)).**

One-half of each scholarship award will be paid to winning candidates upon verification of acceptancy by, and registration at, an accredited institution of higher learning. The remaining half of the award will be paid upon successful completion of the first semester and verification of registration for the second semester. The scholarships must be used within two years following the effective date of the award.

If you have any questions, please contact our committee chairman, Bob Silides, at 619-990-1160 or via email at [rsilides@yahoo.com](mailto:rsilides@yahoo.com).

Sincerely,

Point Loma Optimist Scholarship Committee