

WESTBANK



THE SYLVIA RICKS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Optimist Club recognizes that education is the key to a better way of life for our children. And no one with the Optimist Club of the Westbank understood that connection better than our long time member Sylvia Ricks. Mrs. Ricks worked tirelessly for the children of the Westbank. It is because of her strong conviction in service and her belief in education, that we name our scholarship in her honor. The Sylvia Ricks Scholarship Award is given to a west bank student whose service to the community and academic achievements are best aligned with their future goals.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

We are offering **three** different levels of scholarships. All scholarships are one time scholarships. There will be **one** scholarship offered for \$3000. **Two** scholarships valued at \$2000 each. And **three** scholarships valued at \$1000 each. Scholarships will be given to candidates attending a traditional two or four year program.

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS

In order to be considered for a scholarship, the student must satisfy the following minimum requirements.

- Candidate must have a cumulative high school Grade Point Average (Grades 9-11) of 2.5 or greater based on a 4.0 scale.
- Candidate must have a minimum of 18 ACT score.
- Candidate must have two letters of recommendation - one from an educator and one from an outside source (Not a relative).
- Candidate must have participated in extra curricular activities and provided community service activities OR must have work experience.
- Candidate must have an essay of 400-600 words, typed, double spaced, with references to research sources, if applicable, on individual career goals.
- Completed application must be submitted to the Optimist on or before
- **(Postmarked) March 12th , 2012. Interviews to be held April 2nd ,2012
At Jack Stumph & Associates office 1700 Central Blvd Harvey LA 70058**
- Scholarship recipients must attend an accredited **Louisiana** two or four year college program.

**NOTE: If you live on the West Bank of Jefferson, Plaquemines, or Orleans (Algiers) parish, but attend high school elsewhere you can apply. The students must attend a Louisiana college or university, exceptions will be considered if the degree program is not offered by a Louisiana college or university.*

**SYLVIA RICKS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
2011 – 2012**

ESSAY:

Please write an essay of 400 – 600 words, (typed, double spaced on a separate page) on the following question.

Describe your vision for your career path and where you see yourself working and living following graduation. Which of your personal qualities and life experiences do you believe will be most beneficial in helping you to reach your goals?

Please return this application with a high school transcript and ACT or SAT scores to:

Postmarked by March 12th , 2012
**Scholarship Committee
West Bank Optimist Club
P. O. Box 1534
Gretna, LA 70054-1534**

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

Date

Call Kurt Gassen for questions Work 366-8888 or email kurtgassen@msn.com

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