

## **Farrand Elementary School Chuck and Betty Childs Scholarship**

### ***Purpose***

To provide financial assistance to a Plymouth-Canton Community School graduate who is furthering his/her education.

### ***Scholarship Amount***

A \$1000 (non-renewable) scholarship will be awarded to one student selected. The award payment will be made after the Scholarship Committee receives proof of acceptance to a Michigan institution of learning.

### ***Eligibility***

1. Senior in a Plymouth-Canton Community School
2. Attended Farrand Elementary School for at least four years.
3. Intends to continue his/her education in an accredited college, university, vocational or trade school in the state of Michigan.
4. Proof of acceptance to a Michigan institution of learning.
5. Involvement in school and/or community activities.

### ***Requirements***

1. Submit a one-page essay: "How do the virtues of the Optimist's Creed exemplify the human qualities you learned as a Farrand Elementary School student? Use specific examples from your days at Farrand Elementary School in your essay. (Optimist Creed on page 2)
2. Include a cover letter giving information about yourself and your plan for the future. Please include your contact information including name, address, phone number and email.
3. One written recommendation from a teacher or administrator that you have worked with in your current school.
4. One written recommendation from an unrelated adult not affiliated with P-CCS.
5. Meet with the Plymouth-Canton Optimist Club. Read and discuss your essay with the club. The \$1,000 scholarship check will be presented at this club meeting.

***Deadline: April 12, 2024***

#### **RETURN TO:**

Plymouth-Canton Educational Foundation  
Attn: Farrand Optimist Scholarship  
[Christina.johnson@pccsk12.com](mailto:Christina.johnson@pccsk12.com) or  
454 S. Harvey St. \* Plymouth, MI 48170



## **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.

## **Purposes of an Optimist Club**

- To develop optimism as a philosophy of life, utilizing the tenets of the Optimist Creed;
- To promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs;
- To inspire respect for the law;
- To promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people;
- To aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life and the world.