

2017 Life Grant Online Application Instructions

Tips for a successful grant application

- **Start Early.** Don't wait until the last minute to complete the application.
- **Proofread your application.**
- **Don't procrastinate.** Deadlines are final. Your application will not be considered if it is late.
- **Take Responsibility.** Keep of a copy of your application for your records.
- **Communicate.** We will communicate with you regarding your application through email and phone.

If there are any questions about the application, please contact Evan Tupa at (830) 331-4094. Please add grants@hillcountryoptimistclub.com to your address book or you may not receive important information about your application, including notification if you are selected. If you are a Meadowland resident, the grant committee will notify your cabin directly. Applications are due by May 12, 2017. Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered. Awardees will be notified of their selection in early June 2017.

The Life Grant application can be found here: hillcountryoptimist.org/lifegrant

Online Application Process

If you begin your application online and find you need to stop before it is complete, you will be able to return to complete the application by using the 'Save and Continue Later' button, this will give you a private link to access your application for 30 days. You may save this link locally or you may email it to yourself. Information for each page is only saved once you select the 'Next' or 'Save and Continue Later' button.

The application will ask you to provide the following information:

- First and Last Name
- Date of Birth
- Meadowland Resident
- Mailing Address
- Phone Number
- E-mail Address
- High School Name
- High School GPA
- Two Recommendation Letters
- College/University, Vocational/Technical Institute, or Job Training Name

Students will also be asked to submit typed responses to career related questions and provide an estimate of career items needed. This may not be a final list and may be adjusted after award with approval from the grant committee. The scholarships can be applied to tuition and fees and/or supplies for enrollment at a college/university, vocational/technical institute, or job training.

Grants will be awarded up to \$500, but may also be awarded in smaller increments depending on the career needs.

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