



RICHLAND ACADEMY OF THE ARTS

Noon Optimist Essay Contest

Optimist International is an association of almost 3,000 Optimist Clubs around the world dedicated to "Bringing Out the Best in Kids". Adult volunteers join Optimist Clubs to conduct positive service projects in their communities aimed at providing a helping hand to youth. With their upbeat attitude, Optimist Club members help empower young people to be the best they can be.

Richland Academy is very fortunate to have the support of the Mansfield Noon Optimists Club. This year we are excited to offer scholarships to 3 individuals in the amount of \$250 each. These will be awarded to students ages 12-18 participating in classes during the Fall/Spring 2017/2018 year.

Each applicant must write a one page essay (no more than 700 words) that explains why the arts and participating in Richland Academy's programming is important in their lives. Tell us how our programming has allowed you to explore your inner artist and helped to empower you to become the best you can be.

All applications and essays must be turned in to the front desk by no later than 3:00pm on Friday, August 18, 2017.

Student Name _____

Age of student _____

Name of parent/guardian _____

Address _____

Phone number of parent/guardian _____

Email of parent/guardian _____

School student is enrolled in _____

- **Contest rules:**
- Essay may be hand written or typed and cannot exceed 700 words.
- Essay must be turned into the Academy by the Due Date: Friday, August 18, 2017, by 3pm. Late applications will not be accepted.
- Contest winners will be announced prior to the start of Fall/Spring 2017/2018 semester, and all funds will be applied to the winner's balance. (Students who do not complete the course in which they are enrolled, may result in the loss of scholarship)
- Winners will be asked to speak to the Mansfield Noon Optimists at a club meeting to thank them for their generous support. This will be scheduled by the front desk.

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