



## Freedom Optimist Soccer Scholarship

The Freedom Optimist Soccer Scholarship was created to reward high school seniors and College Freshmen for their involvement in the Freedom Optimist Soccer Program, in the community and their academic achievement. Freedom Optimist Soccer will award up to six \$1000.00 scholarships each year to seniors in high school or freshmen in college who met the requirements below.

Freedom Optimist Soccer urges all seniors or Freshman in college who played in our program for at least 3 years with one of these years being their senior year in high school planning to or who are furthering their education, and who meet the criteria for this scholarship to apply by **April 1, 2019**. Applications are available in the Guidance Office at Liberty and Century High Schools, the Eldersburg Library, Freedom Optimist Soccer web page [www.freedomoptsoccer.com](http://www.freedomoptsoccer.com) or Freedom Area Rec Council web page [www.freedomarearec.org](http://www.freedomarearec.org).

Every eligible applicant will be given the utmost consideration. All decisions on scholarship selection by the Freedom Optimist Soccer Scholarship Committee shall be final.

### Eligibility Criteria

All applicants must have played in our program for at least 3(three) years with one of these years being their senior year in high school.

Applicants must be a 2019 graduating senior or Freshman in College, technical or vocational school and graduated in 2018.

Applicants must be planning to attend a two-year or four-year college, technical, or vocational school in the fall following graduation. The award will be paid directly to the recipient's school.

### Selection Criteria

The Freedom Optimist Soccer Scholarship Committee will consider the following:

- The applicant's participation in Freedom Optimist Soccer.
- The applicant's response to the Freedom Optimist Soccer essay
- Volunteer service hours earned and participation in extracurricular activities.
- A Freedom Optimist Soccer coach letter of recommendation
- The academic performance of the applicant

**The following must be received by April 1 as one packet. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

- **Completed Application**
- **Signed Letter of Recommendation from a Freedom Optimist Soccer Coach other than a parent/guardian. Letters from current Freedom Optimist Soccer board members will not be accepted.**
- **Short Essay**

### **Letter of Recommendation**

Submit a signed letter of recommendation from a current or past Freedom Optimist Soccer coach other than a parent / guardian. Letters from high school coaches or a current Freedom Optimist Soccer board member will not be accepted.

### **Short Essay**

In 300 words or less, tell us about your experience with the Freedom Optimist Soccer and how you feel it helped you prepare for your educational goals as well as life as a young adult. What would you do to improve our programs?

*Please type your response on a separate sheet of paper.*

**Mail to:**

**Freedom Optimist Soccer Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 999  
Eldersburg, MD 21784**

**Scholarship winners will be announced at the Liberty and Century High School Awards Ceremonies. All other winners will be announced via US Mail or email.**

**Thank you for applying for the Freedom Optimist Soccer Scholarship and for being part of our program. We hope you have enjoyed your time playing with us.**

**Freedom Optimist Soccer  
Scholarship Committee**

## **Freedom Optimist Soccer Scholarship Application**

Information provided in this application will be used confidentially by the Freedom Optimist Soccer Scholarship Committee only. Falsifying information will justify the committee withdrawing the applicant from consideration. Please print or type clearly. A separate typed response can be submitted to complete questions.

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print First, Middle, Last

Applicants Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year

Names of Parent(s) or Guardian(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Freedom Optimist Soccer Scholarship Application**

## **Soccer Background/History:**

Years Played for Freedom Optimist Soccer: \_\_\_\_\_

Coaches Names (for at least 3 years – please indicate grade):

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## **Academic Background/Non-Athletic Activities:**

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ (**weighted and non-weighted**)

SAT Scores: Composite: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Verbal: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Math: \_\_\_\_\_ Writing: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Scores: Composite: \_\_\_\_\_ Verbal: \_\_\_\_\_ Math: \_\_\_\_\_

Service-Learning Hours Completed as of April 1<sup>st</sup> (**of your senior year**): \_\_\_\_\_

List clubs, social and extracurricular activities, and any positions held during grades 9-12. (**Attach additional pages if necessary**).

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Please provide a description of any volunteer activities. Include a description of the activity, the organization for which you volunteered and the dates you volunteered.

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What are your current interests? \_\_\_\_\_

Intended College Major: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your educational goal or career (post high school)?

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College or institution you will be attending in the fall.

(If decision has not been made, please list the colleges or institutions where you have applied.)

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Please attach copies of report cards, SAT/ACT scores, letters of recommendations from teachers and coaches.

Any other relevant information to help the committee evaluate your application is recommended. Use of additional sheets of paper is encouraged.

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