

Register for a St. Paul Friend of Youth Foundation Dollars for Scholars student account

1. Go to our website at <https://stpaulfriend.dollarsforscholars.org> in the **Students & Parents** section
 - a. Click the “**Click to Login**” button
 - b. On the student login page, click “**Don’t have an account yet? Create on here.**”
 - c. Search for and **Choose** your high school
 - d. **Complete all double starred ** fields**
 - e. For **Primary County** select **ST. PAUL FRIENDS** at the bottom of the list
* **NOTE** If you do not select **ST. PAUL FRIENDS** for your county, you will not be matched to our scholarship application.

Applying for the *Optimist Club of St Paul Youth Appreciation Award*

1. After logging into your Dollars for Scholars for the first time:
 - a. Enter a new password in the pop-up and click “**Submit**”
 - b. Review the basic information and click **Save & Continue**
2. Click **Continue**
3. Click **Search for Scholarships** found in the left-hand column under **My Scholarships**
4. Click the red **References** button for the *Optimist Club of St Paul Youth Appreciation Award*
5. Click **+Add New Reference**
6. Enter the information of the person that nominated you for the *Optimist Club of St Paul Youth Appreciation Award* and click **Submit** and then close pop-up window
7. Click **Close**
8. Click the red **Apply** button
9. Type your name in the Electronic Signature field and click **Submit**

Name and Email for Reference _____

DEADLINE TO APPLY FRIDAY OCTOBER 6TH

Sample

Student Name:

School:

Counselor's Name and E-mail:

- I. Please give a general overview of the student's personality and general characteristics. Items like ability, desire, and responsibilities are good things to touch on (125 word limit suggested).

Since Kindergarten, teachers have described Jill as "considerate," "responsible," "always prepared," and "being a positive leader." She has worked on many challenging projects and has good success in tutoring others. Jill has done volunteer service in our school guidance office so I have been able to observe her excellent work ethic, genuine concern for others, and a wonderful personality.

- II. Please describe any personal hardship the student may have faced. The hardship could be familial, economic, or from medical/disability issues (125 word limit suggested).

Jill is one of those resilient, optimistic, and intellectually gifted young woman who has been able to overcome family adversity (Parental divorce, father's disability and financial hardship) and a congenital birth defect called asymmetry. Her early years were filled with crooked growth, pain, and trips to Gillette Children's Hospital. She endured surgery at age 11 to lengthen her shorter leg. This involved cutting her leg bones in various places and inserting fixators which she had to crank by herself daily to increase the space between the bone cuts to make her bones grow longer.

- III. Please describe activities the student has been involved in within your school (75 word limit suggested).

Earning a varsity letter in both basketball and track has been quite an accomplishment for someone who has limped and dealt with pain for many years.

- IV. Please describe the student's involvement in activities, services, or efforts within their community and/or family (75 word limit suggested).

Jill is active in her Church and has contributed too many different ministries. She also tutors students as a member of the National Honor Society. She was also selected to represent Johnson at the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Development Camp.

- V. Please provide an overview of the student's academic record. Items like class rank and GPA are important (75 word limit suggested).

In spite of working 25 hours a week she is ranked number 10 in a class of 344. She has done this while taking the most challenging courses offered in St Paul Public Schools.

- VI. Please comment on the student's optimism or other unique or positive achievements (50 word limit suggested).

Jill is an Optimist! Here is a young woman who was born with a painful birth defect yet says she "lucked out" in having the foremost surgeon specializing in her condition in the Twin Cities. Here is a young woman whose father cannot work yet she feels lucky to be able to work part time to save for college. Here is a great person!