

2019 Optimist Impact Grant

*Sponsored by the Bismarck Optimist Club
Bismarck, ND*

Optimist Mission

By providing hope and a positive vision, Optimists are dedicated to supporting the youth of our community. The Optimist Club of Bismarck, founded in 1971, conducts positive service projects in our community aimed at providing a helping hand and opportunities to youth. Our Optimist Club members help empower young people to be the best that they can be.

Optimist Impact Grant

Local nonprofit groups and organizations have the opportunity to submit an application towards the Optimist Impact Grant which will award up to \$5000 for a qualifying project or initiative. Requests for funding must be for a project-based initiative that makes a direct or lasting impact on the youth of Bismarck-Mandan. Awarded grant money must not go toward operating expenses of the requesting nonprofit. The application must provide details on how the grant funds will be utilized within the calendar year of being awarded, along with providing a timeline to the Bismarck Optimist Club which includes updates and notification of final completion, and the budget/bids for the project or initiative relating to this submittal. The nonprofit must report progress of the project/initiative to the Optimist Club Board of Directors within six months of receiving the grant, and 12 months after grant is awarded, if necessary. Former award recipients cannot apply again for 3 years.

Required: Please complete this section below along with application and additional requirements which can be found under the portfolio check list. All grant applications must be postmarked by May 15, 2019. Applications will be reviewed and the recipient announced in July, 2019.

Nonprofit Group or Organization: _____ EIN#: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Phone: _____

Contact Name: _____ Contact Title: _____

Contact Email: _____ # of youth impacted by project: _____

Mission and history of nonprofit: _____

Additional requirements:

1. Attach **letter of authorization and support** from nonprofit's Board of Directors.
2. **Testimonial:** Submit a detailed example of a youth member of our community who has been impacted by the nonprofit, including details on how the nonprofit supported that particular youth.

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.

PORTFOLIO CHECKLIST

1. Completed Application
2. Letter of authorization from Board of Directors
3. Testimonial

Applications must be postmarked/emailed to NO LATER than May 15, 2019.

Please submit portfolio by mail or email to: optimistimpact@gmail.com

Optimist Club of Bismarck

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