

Youth Grant Application Form: Traverse City Optimist Club/Optimist Youth Foundation Inc.

Dear Friend of Youth:

The Traverse City Optimist Club/Optimist Youth Foundation Inc. is once again preparing to distribute funds raised for the benefit, support, and guidance of youth in our area. As you may know, the Traverse City Optimist Club and Optimist Youth Foundation Inc., support the vision of Optimist International as an organization of community-minded people committed to optimism and self-development for the improvement of youth and community. Consequently, one hundred percent of the funds we raise are returned to the community via the Optimist Youth Foundation Inc., a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization.



Knowing of your interest in providing for youth, we are offering you the opportunity to submit an application for consideration in becoming a recipient of these funds. Please complete the Youth Grant Application form attached to this letter or, if you prefer, complete the form using your own computer to fill out pdf fields. All information requested on the application must be completed and postmarked, emailed, or submitted by the deadline of February 25, 2025 for your organization to be considered. Please include a copy of your 501(c)3 designation letter with your application if you have not received grant funds from us previously.

There are three ways to submit your grant application:

1. Complete the attached fillable-form application and click the submit button. OR,
2. Email your application to [mail@tcoptimist.org](mailto:mail@tcoptimist.org) OR,
3. Return your completed form to: Optimist Youth Foundation Inc. ATTN: Gail Chambers  
TC Optimist Club President P.O. Box 2258 Traverse City, Michigan 49695

Our website is <http://tcoptimist.org> should you wish to know more about our organization. You may also contact us at: [mail@tcoptimist.org](mailto:mail@tcoptimist.org), or join us at our Monday meetings on odd weeks 1,3,5 each month (Subject to COVID Protocols), at Hotel Indigo 263 W Grandview Pkwy.

You should receive notification of the status of your request no later than April 30, 2025. We will do our best to honor your request in total but we strive to reach as many young people with our funding distribution as possible. Thank you for your interest in, and commitment to the betterment of youth in the Greater Grand Traverse Area. Yours in Optimism,

Gail Chambers, President TC Optimist Club 2024/2025

## OPTIMIST YOUTH FOUNDATION INC. GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ (ZIP) \_\_\_\_\_

Title & Name of your Organizations Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ phone # \_\_\_\_\_ 501(c)3 #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your organization, its purpose and function in support of youth throughout the Greater Grand Traverse Bay Area. (You may attach additional documentation upon submittal)

Describe the youth projects, programs, or items your grant application is for. Include:

- (1) an approximate number of youths supported by your organization annually
- (2) whether or not youth in your organization pay fees or tuition to belong/attend
- (3) whether your project is new or on-going.

What is the approximate cost of projects/purpose for which you are applying?

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Please note: RESPONSE MUST BE POSTMARKED OR EMAILED BY February 25, 2025

Please include a copy of your 501(c)3 designation letter with your application if you have not received grant funds from the TC Optimist Youth Foundation Inc. previously.

You may attach additional documentation for our review upon clicking the submit button.

Regards: Gail Chambers TC Optimist President 2024/2025