

Belinda Kirkland Scholarship Fund

Website Address

<http://www.acaoptimistclub.com>

Address

P.O. BOX 120003
Arlington, TX 76012

Application Deadline

March 31, 2026



Contact

Patsy Garner
ACA Optimist Club, ACAO

Email Address

Acafinancialaid@gmail.com

Scholarships and Amount

UP to \$1,000.00

Scholarship Description

To be eligible for an award from the Belinda Kirkland Scholarship Fund

- Applicants must be graduating seniors pursuing an associate or a bachelor's degree as a full-time student at an accredited educational institution.
- Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Participated and/or coached an ACA Optimist Club Team (current year recommended.)
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The recipients of the Belinda Kirkland Scholarship will be notified by electronic communication by March 31, 2026.

Submission

To be considered for the Belinda Kirkland Scholarship, please complete the following application, submit a photocopy of your most recent report card or high school transcript, a headshot photograph, and a letter of recommendation from a current or former member of the ACA Optimist Club. These documents can be sent to Acafinancialaid@gmail.com

About Belinda Kirkland

Belinda Sue Kirkland was a member of the ACA Optimist Club for 10 years. Belinda was president of ACA Optimist Club from October 2010 thru September 2011. She also held other various positions on the Board of Directors during her many years of service. In August of 2011 she was diagnosed with cancer and after a short battle was taken from her family and friends on January 21, 2012.

As a dedicated member of the ACA Optimist Club she was dedicated in doing what was best for the future of the club but also what was best for the more than 500 girls in our program. She had a special place in her heart for cheerleaders and nothing made her smile more than seeing them in their uniforms and smiling back at her.

This award will be presented to High School seniors from local area High Schools. The amount awarded is UP TO \$1000.00 as determined by the scholarship committee. The scholarship recipient will receive a check made out to the post secondary education institution, trade school or or academy of their choice. (No checks will be made out to the scholarship recipient or parents).

If you have any questions concerning the application please contact Patsy Garner at: Acafinancialaid@gmail.com, or via phone 817-999-3241.

Thank you!

ACA Optimist Club
Scholarship Committee

2026 Belinda Kirkland Scholarship Application

Name: _____

High School: _____

Email Address: _____

College attending in fall 2025: _____

Area of Interest: _____

GPA: _____

Class Rank: _____

Total Years of participation in the ACA Optimist Club: _____

Teams Affiliated: _____

Cheer Sponsor: _____

Football Coach: _____

Total Years of Coaching for ACA Optimist Club: _____

Teams Affiliated: _____

Cheer Sponsor: _____

Football Coach: _____

What events did you volunteer at this year for The ACA Optimist Club? _____

Community Involvement: (Other Events and/or Volunteerism)

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How have experiences within the ACA Optimist Club help enrich your life and others around you?

