



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

Grant Guidelines

The Optimist Club of St. Louis is devoted to "Bringing out the Best in Kids" in the St. Louis community. Optimist Clubs around the world conduct 65,000 community service projects each year, spending \$78 million in their communities. Six million kids are positively affected by Optimist programs.

The Optimist Club of St. Louis was chartered September 8, 1916 and is part of Optimist International. However, the Optimist Club of St. Louis maintains its schedule of activities and its charitable disbursements independently from Optimist International headquartered in St. Louis. All Optimist Clubs do their part through community service programs. Since each Club is autonomous and run by members in their community, Optimists have the unique flexibility to serve the youth of their community in any way they see fit. Optimist Clubs see a need in their community and react to it.

The Optimist Club of St. Louis welcomes applications for funding from St. Louis-area not for profit organizations benefiting children and youth in the areas of education and health care. To maximize the impact of Club funds, proposals for loans and deficits, or grants for film and travel are not accepted.

Club Members should submit a letter of intent no more than 3 pages in length describing the program or activity and the amount of the funding needed (maximum amount requested is \$15,000).

- A brief history of the organization
- Describe the project and include:
 - A statement of its primary purpose (must be a youth focused program).
 - The need or problem you are seeking to address
 - The population you plan to serve and how this population will benefit from the project.
 - Project's anticipated duration
 - Project's budget
 - Key milestones that you plan to meet during the course of the project, anticipated spend to reach each milestone, and what adjustments you intend to make if milestones are not met on the date or timeframes you intended
 - If you received a grant from us last year, please provide a copy of your submission from last year, along with a statement of how the funds were specifically used
- The organization must be a 501c3 or 4 not for profit and include the Tax Identification Number.

Grant recipients will need to have measurable outcomes to report after receiving funds.

Please submit proposals by **March 20, 2022**.

Submit your proposal (email preferred):

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