



AWARDS, HONORS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Indiana University Doctor of Optometry (OD) students are eligible for a number of awards and honors, including cash, plaques, equipment, expense-paid trips, and other visible rewards of excellence. Some awards require a specific application, while other awards are made without students knowing they were being considered. Some are decided solely by the Awards & Honors Committee, some by a consensus of clinical faculty, some by a vote of instructors, staff, and peers, while others are nationwide competitions. The Office of Student Administration works closely with the Awards & Honors Committee to inform students (typically by e-mail) of opportunities, deadlines, etc. Please direct any questions to the Office of Student Administration in OP 310, by phone at 812-855-1917 or at iubopt@indiana.edu.

It is important to note that some awards, especially those offered by ophthalmic companies, might vary from year to year. Students must submit an appropriate paper for consideration, have achieved overall academic excellence, have exhibited a particular clinical proficiency or have financial need. Specific application requirements and details for each award will be made available to the students via e-mail or student mailboxes when announced.

All Doctor of Optometry students must complete the V889 Special Project course which often results in a final research paper, depending on the project. These papers, as well as papers written for other classes or purposes, may be eligible for a number of awards.

IN ADDITION, many state affiliates of the American Foundation for Vision Awareness and the American Optometric Association offer scholarships to students who are residents of that state. These are mentioned via e-mail messages or posted flyers. Remember to research funding resources on the Internet.

FOURTH YEAR

Alcon Scholarship Award by Alcon Laboratories, Inc: Outstanding student based on scholastic aptitude, outstanding patient care, contact lens knowledge. The recipient is selected by the Awards & Honors Committee. *Deadline is February 1.* (\$1,000)

Jack Bennett Humanitarian Award by the Indiana Optometric Association: This award recognizes distinguished contributions in service to humanity and the profession of optometry. The recipient is a current 3rd or 4th year who demonstrates the qualities of leadership, the dedication to community and professional service, and the humanitarian citizenship characterized by the late Dean Jack W. Bennett. Nominations are solicited from the 3rd and 4th year classes, faculty, staff or community service organization. The recipient is determined by the Awards & Honors Committee. (plaque and recognition at the IOA Annual Convention in April)

John P. Davey Memorial Award by the Indiana Chapter of the American Academy of Optometry: Outstanding paper on a clinical topic. Winner is selected by the Awards & Honors Committee. *Deadline is approximately February 1.* (\$250)

Roy E. Denny Award by the Indiana Chapter of the American Academy of Optometry: Outstanding paper on a clinical topic. Winner is selected by the Awards & Honors Committee. *Deadline is approximately February 1.* (\$250)

J. Thomas Eade, O.D. Fund: Preference of the donor is to support students involved in humanitarian optometric endeavors as it relates to their clinical experience. \$400 awarded to each 4th year student rotating through the IU Guanajuato, Mexico, clinic to defray travel costs.

Essilor Optical Corneal Reflection Pupilometer Award: Outstanding student based on nominations from various faculty and dispensary staff. (pupilometer and plaque)

William Feinbloom Low Vision Award by Designs for Vision, Inc: Excellence in low vision course work and low vision clinic care. Submit low vision case report typically *around February 1*. (plaque and low vision trial set valued at \$2,500)

Dr. Gary Gross Scholarship Award by the American Optometric Foundation: Applicant must be a 4th year student and must be a resident of one of the following states: Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, or Wisconsin. Applicant must submit an essay on "Professionalism and Ethical Practice in Optometry." *Deadline is approximately November 1*. (\$2,500)

Heart of America Contact Lens Society: Applicant must have completed at least one Contact Lens class and submit a publishable paper on the topic of any aspect of contact lenses or optometry. He/she must also be a resident of one of the following states: Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, or Arkansas. Applicant must also submit a short essay on the topic of "Why I chose optometry as a profession" and three letters of recommendation. *Deadline is around November 15*. (\$2,000 per national winner; five winners total)

Dr. Henry Hofstetter Scholarship Award by Vistakon and the American Optometric Foundation: Leadership and service to their class. Nominations are solicited from 4th year students by the Awards & Honors Committee *around February*. (\$500 and plaque)

David J. Kerko Low Vision Award by Winchester Optical Company: Student must have a grade of C or better in low vision and have had a rotation through a low vision clinic. Nominations by low vision faculty. (Corning Medical Optics Dem Kit of CPF filters)

David H. Kolack, O.D. Award by the family of David H. Kolack, O.D. ('69): Awarded to the graduating OD student with the highest grade point average. (\$1,250)

Marchon Eyewear Practice Management Award by Marchon: Outstanding clinical and dispensing skills. Nominations by clinical faculty and dispensary staff. (\$500 and plaque)

Rigid Gas Permeable Lens Institute Award: Awarded to an outstanding 4th year student who has demonstrated excellence in fitting rigid gas permeable (RGP) lenses. (RGP fitting set and plaque)

Silver Medal Award by Beta Sigma Kappa, the international optometric honor society: Awarded to the highest grade point average in the graduating class who is a current Beta Sigma Kappa member. (Engraved medallion)

Varilux Student Grant Award Program by Essilor of American and Varilux: Third- & fourth-year students submit case reports on patients with Varilux lenses. Maximum length is 2,000 words. Turn in papers to Office of Student Administration. *Deadline is around March 1*. (\$500 to IU winner and entry into national competition)

Vistakon Award of Excellence by Vistakon and the American Optometric Foundation: Excellence in clinical contact lens patient care and a commitment to serve the individual needs of patients. (\$1000 and plaque)

Wal-Mart Foundation Scholarship: One recipient for each of the following classes: 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year. Must be a current or previous employee of Wal-Mart, Sam's Club or an affiliated optometrist; have a minimum 3.0 grade point average, and demonstrated financial need through a personal statement. *Deadline is approximately February 1*. (\$1,000 to each of three recipients)

THIRD YEAR

AOA Student Leadership Scholarship: Awarded to a 3rd year with a minimum of 3.00 grade point average who is a member of American Optometric Association and has a proven leadership role and student government involvement. Students must submit a paper, not to exceed 500 words, on "*What did you learn from your leadership activities that will benefit you in your career?*" *Deadline is approximately February 1*. (\$1000)

AOSA/CIBA VISION Future Leadership Grant: Students must submit a paper on "The Importance of Professional Ethics in My Profession". (\$1000 and entry into national competition)

Jack W. Bennett Endowed Scholarship: Given to a 3rd year student who is in good standing and demonstrates financial need. The recipient is determined by the Awards & Honors Committee. (\$2000)

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Chancellor's Scholar: Student will serve on the academic advisory board for the Bloomington Vice Chancellor. Nominated by faculty, staff, and classmates and goes to an outstanding student in the class. (\$1000 and book award)

Corning Scholarship by the American Optometric Foundation: Third-year student essay on one of four topics - 600 to 1200 words. *Deadline is approximately April 1.* (two recipients on the national level: one \$4000, one \$2000).

Dr. Seymour Galina Grant by the American Optometric Association: Third-year students are eligible to apply. Must submit a paper not exceeding 1500 words on the following topic: *"The qualities I have developed through my financial planning/work experience during and/or before optometry school which I believe will be most useful to me establishing an ethical/professional optometric practice."* Applicant must exhibit financial need and submit through the Student Administration Office; must also be an AOSA member in good standing. *Deadline is around mid-May.* (\$2500)

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John Hitchcock Memorial Scholarship: Awarded to a 3rd year student. The recipient is determined by the Awards & Honors Committee. (\$400)

John L. Howlette and C. Clayton Powell Award by the National Optometric Association. This national award will be given to the optometric student who demonstrates commitment to the profession, diligence to excellence, and compassion for the visual welfare of humanity. The recipient will be a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd year NOSA member who has a minimum of a 3.0 GPA, has demonstrated leadership with the profession and community. An application, personal statement, two letters of recommendation, and a transcript should be *submitted by May 31*. The Office of Student Administration has the application forms. The recipient will be recognized at the annual National Optometric Association Convention (typically in July).

Kentucky Optometric Foundation Scholarship: An award to a Kentucky resident student who also holds a Kentucky contract, based on academic excellence and financial need. (\$1,000)

Rogers W. Reading Endowed Award: Awarded to a 3rd year student whose primary interest and/or area of study is binocular vision. The recipient is determined by the Awards & Honors Committee. (\$400)

Rigid Gas Permeable Lens Institute Award: Awarded to a top 3rd-year student who has demonstrated excellence in fitting RGP lenses. (RGP fitting set and plaque)

Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Scott Scholarship: Awarded to a 3rd year student. The recipient is determined by the Awards & Honors Committee. (\$2,000)

Joseph Elmer Sidwell and Trula Sidwell Hardy Scholarship: Awarded to a 2nd or 3rd year student. The recipient is determined by the Awards & Honors Committee. (\$1,000)

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Vision Service Plan Scholarship: Five students demonstrating excellence in primary eye care services and also in the top half of the class are nominated by clinical faculty to compete. Nominated students write two paragraphs on: (1) *What is primary care optometry?* and (2) *What are your long-term goals for the practice of optometry?* Nominees are interviewed by the Awards & Honors Committee and the Committee selects two. (\$2,000 and a plaque to each of the two recipients)

Walman Optical Company Scholarship Program: Second- or third-year OD students may apply. Selection is based on academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, unusual personal or family circumstances, and an outside appraisal. *Deadline is approximately April 1.* (awards range from \$500 - \$3,000)

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SECOND YEAR

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FIRST YEAR

American Foundation for Vision Awareness – Indiana Affiliate: Awarded to a first-year optometry student who is an Indiana resident with intentions of practicing in Indiana, willingness to continue to serve the community's vision and vision awareness needs, and good academic progress. The recipient is selected by the Indiana Affiliate of the AFVA. *Deadline is approximately March 1.* (\$1,000)

Class of 1959 Scholarship: Given to the top entering student based on academic rank, OAT scores and personal criteria as selected by the Awards & Honors Committee. Renewable each year (maximum of 4 years) provided that the student maintains a 3.20 cumulative grade point average. Will be awarded in the 2002-2003 academic year. The next award will be given when the 2002-2003 awardee is no longer eligible. (\$500)

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has a minimum of a 3.0 GPA, has demonstrated leadership with the profession and community. An application, personal statement, two letters of recommendation, and a transcript should be *submitted by May 31*. The Office of Student Administration has the application forms. The recipient will be recognized at the annual National Optometric Association Convention (typically in July).

Student Indiana Optometric Association Awards by G.K. Optical, Duffens Optical, Diversified Ophthalmics, and Walman Optical): Scholarships for equipment based on financial need. Students submit a short description of need. Awards & Honors Committee decides. (four recipients, awards range \$500-\$750 each)

OTHER

Biocompatibles Innovative Research Award by American Optometric Foundation: An OD student at any level may submit a completed paper written pertaining to expanding current body of knowledge regarding contact lenses & associated technology. The winning IU paper will be considered for the national award. (\$2,000 IU winner; \$5,000 national award)

Beta Sigma Kappa Research Grant: Must submit completed research project in publishable form. Applications and guidelines are available from Jacqueline Olson, IU BSK advisor. Any student may apply regardless of BSK membership. *Deadline is first Friday in May*. (\$1,000 national award)

Cave Memorial Award by the National Optometric Association. This national award was formed to memorialize and celebrate the accomplishments of three siblings: Dr. Lawrence Cave, Dr. Vernal Cave and Mrs. Olga Cave Wiles. One \$500 award goes to a NOSA member who can demonstrate financial need, community involvement and has a minimum of a 2.5 GPA. An application, personal statement, two letters of recommendation, financial profile and a transcript should be *submitted by May 31*. The Office of Student Administration has the application forms. The recipient will be recognized at the annual National Optometric Association Convention (typically in July).

Dr. Robert Johnson Binocular Vision/Vision Therapy Award by the National Optometric Association. This national award goes to a NOSA member who has a minimum of a 2.5 GPA, has demonstrated community involvement, and can articulate their optometric aspirations and commitment to serve the community. An application, personal statement, two letters of recommendation, and a transcript should be *submitted by May 31*. The Office of Student Administration has the application forms. The recipient will be recognized at the annual National Optometric Association Convention (typically in July).

Antoinette M. Molinari Memorial Scholarship by the American Optometric Foundation: Awarded to an exceptional student with extraordinary financial need. Students from each school/college of optometry are eligible to apply every five years. IU students may apply in 2002, 2007, 2012, etc. Any OD student within the regionally accepted schools for that year may apply. The recipient is selected by the AOF. *Deadline is March 1* - <http://www.aaopt.org/aof/scholarship>. (\$5,000)

NOSA Outstanding Student Award: Awarded in May of each year by the IU Chapter of the National Optometric Student Association to the top-ranking student member. (trophy)

Optometric Extension Program Foundation (OEPF) Senior Students and Recent Graduate Research Grant Program by the Optometric Extension Program: Research grant submitted. (\$500)

Vision Care Outstanding Student Paper/Project Award by the American Public Health Association: This national award recognizes a student or group of students that has contributed significantly to the advancement of eye/vision care in the public health field from the perspective of a student in optometry, medicine, public health, or related health professions programs. *Nominations are requested by March 30* and are submitted to the national APHA Vision Care Section Awards Committee chair. See http://spectacle.berkeley.edu/apha-vcs/award_nom.shtml for current committee chair information. (plaque and recognition at the annual APHA convention)