

# Scholarships

The  
Ohio  
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Optometry*

Academic Year  
2011-2012

**Optometry Student:**

The following listing of scholarships and grants is designed to help you with your educational expenses. Most of the scholarship notifications included in this packet state the name of the sponsor, award amount, eligibility requirements, selection criteria, deadline and application information. We encourage you to apply for any scholarships for which you may be eligible. If you have any questions concerning the information listed in this booklet, please do not hesitate to contact the Student Affairs Office. Good luck with your scholarship applications.

Sincerely,

**Dekunte Edwards**  
**Student Affairs**

## A.H. Basman, O.D. Scholarship

<i>Sponsor</i>	Manitoba Association of Optometrists
<i>Award Amount</i>	Four \$1,000 scholarships awarded each year to one 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and 4 <sup>th</sup> year student
<i>Eligibility</i>	Open only to Manitoba residents attending accredited Schools of Optometry
<i>Selection Criteria</i>	Based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Official transcript (GPA 3.5 or 75% or higher)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> First years must submit transcript of entire pre-optometry coursework.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Second, third and fourth years must submit transcript for the immediately preceding year.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Extra-curricular and community/volunteer activities</li></ul>
<i>Deadline</i>	The application deadline is October 3
<i>Application Information</i>	Ms. Lauren Goodridge Executive Director Manitoba Association of Optometrists 200B-392 Academy Road Winnipeg, Manitoba R3N 0B8 (204) 943-9811

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## Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program

<i>Sponsor</i>	United States Government
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***Award Amount*** Full tuition, fees, books, and supply costs, plus a monthly stipend in return for one year active duty for each year of financial assistance.

***Eligibility*** Call for Details

***Selection Criteria*** Call for Details

***Deadline*** Call for Details

***Application Information***

***Air Force***  
TSGT Nathan D. Pompey  
USAF Recruiting Office  
2970 Presidential Dr. Suite 250  
Fairborn, OH 45324  
(937) 426-5796

***Navy***  
LT Tim Swansinger  
3990 E. Broad - Bldg. 10 #13  
Columbus, OH 43215  
(614) 693-3033  
(614) 693-3036

***Army***  
CPT Elmore Patterson III  
1335 Dublin Rd. Suite 207-B  
Columbus, OH 43215  
(877) 655-6335

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## **Cave Memorial Award**

***Sponsor*** National Optometric Association

***Award Amount*** One \$1,000 scholarship is awarded

***Eligibility*** Applicants must:

- Be a member of the NOSA
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate community involvement
- Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher

***Selection Criteria*** Based on:

- Applicant Statement (2 pages, double spaced essay on career goals, community and college involvement, and how you feel you can affect minority communities in a positive way)
  - Two letters of recommendation
  - Official transcript
  - Financial Profile Statement (obtain from financial aid officer)

***Deadline*** May 15

***Application Information*** All NOSA members will receive a CD with application information.  
Dr. Dionne Moore  
717 Jockey Circle  
Avon Lake, OH 44012  
(440) 930-0203  
[noastudentdirector@yahoo.com](mailto:noastudentdirector@yahoo.com)

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## **Connecticut: George Comstock Foundation**

***Sponsor*** Connecticut Association of Optometrists

***Award Amount*** Six to eight awards of approximately \$400-\$1,000 per year

***Eligibility*** Applicants must:

- Be a full time Connecticut resident
- Be a full time student of an accredited school of Optometry
- Show scholastic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need

***Selection Criteria*** Based on evaluation of above characteristics

***Deadline*** July 31

*Application Information* Paul Westfall, O.D.  
1347 Boston Post Road #101  
Madison, CT 06443  
P (203) 245-8567  
F (203) 245-0552  
[cmclean@networksynergy.net](mailto:cmclean@networksynergy.net)

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## Dr. Allan V. Wexler Memorial Scholarship

*Sponsor* Georgia Optometric Foundation

*Award Amount* One \$1,500 scholarship

*Eligibility* Applicants must:

- Be a resident of Georgia
- Be a student in good standing at an accredited School of Optometry
- Previous winners are not eligible

*Selection Criteria* Based on:

- Recommendation letter/reference letter from current GOA member is desirable but not necessary

*Deadline* April 30

*Application Information* Georgia Optometric Association  
Attn: Dr. Paul Ajamian  
1000 Corporate Center Dr  
Suite 240  
Morrow, GA 30260  
(800)949-0060 x-1  
[www.goaeyes.com](http://www.goaeyes.com)

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## Dr. Dorothy Weitzner Kornblut Scholarship Fund

*Sponsor* Connecticut Association of Optometrists

*Award Amount* Unspecified

*Eligibility* Applicants must:

- Be female students
- Be enrolled in an accredited school/college of optometry within the United States
- Preference given to residents of Fairfield County, CT, the state of Connecticut, and New England, in that order

*Selection Criteria* Based on:

- Scholarship
- Character
- Financial need

*Deadline* July 30

*Application Information* Paul Westfall, O.D.  
1347 Boston Post Road #101  
Madison, CT 06443  
P (203) 245-8567  
F (203) 245-0552  
[cmclean@networksynergy.net](mailto:cmclean@networksynergy.net)

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## **Dr. John Howlette and C. Clayton Powell Student Founders Award**

*Sponsor* National Optometric Association

*Award Amount* One \$1,000 scholarship is awarded

***Eligibility***

Applicants must:

- Be a member of NOSA
- Demonstrate leadership within the profession and community
- Have a 3.0 or higher
- Be a first, second, or third year student

***Selection Criteria***

Based on:

- Applicant Statement (2 pages, double spaced essay on career goals, community and college involvement, and how you feel you can affect minority communities in a positive way)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official transcript
- Financial Profile Statement (obtain from financial aid officer)

***Deadline***

May 15

***Application Information***

All NOSA members will receive a CD with application information.

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717 Jockey Circle  
Avon Lake, OH 44012  
(440) 930-0203  
[noastudentdirector@yahoo.com](mailto:noastudentdirector@yahoo.com)

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## **Dr. John Snow Memorial Scholarship**

***Sponsor***

Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Optometrists

***Award Amount***

One \$1,000 scholarship awarded annually

***Eligibility***

Applicants must:

- Be accepted into their first year of an accredited optometry school
- Be a Canadian citizen, as well as a resident of Newfoundland and Labrador

***Deadline*** September 9

***Application Information*** NLAO Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 8042  
St. John's, NL Canada  
A1B 3M7

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## **Dr. Robert Johnson Pediatric/Vision Therapy Award**

***Sponsor*** National Optometric Association

***Award Amount*** One \$1,000 scholarship is awarded

***Eligibility*** Applicants must:

- Be a member of NOSA
- Demonstrate community involvement ( i.e., school screenings/visits, COVD membership involvement)
- Be a third or fourth year student with a GPA of 2.5 or higher

***Selection Criteria*** Based on:

- Completed application
- Essay of 300 words or less demonstrating your aspirations as an optometrist and commitment to serve your community related to binocular vision/vision therapy

***Deadline*** May 15

***Application Information*** All NOSA members will receive a CD with application information.  
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Avon Lake, OH 44012

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## Dr. Seymour Galina Grant

<i>Sponsor</i>	American Optometric Association
<i>Award Amount</i>	One \$2,500 Grant
<i>Eligibility</i>	Applicants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Be a third year optometry student in good academic standing</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Be attending an accredited college of optometry</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Be a member in good standing of AOSA</li></ul>
<i>Selection Criteria</i>	Based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Financial need</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Essay not to exceed 1,500 words on the following topic: Qualities I have developed through my financial planning/work experience during and/or before optometry school, that I believe will be most useful to me in a professional optometric practice.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Each school or college of optometry may only submit one essay</li></ul>
<i>Deadline</i>	February 4
<i>Application Information</i>	Optometry Cares – The AOA Foundation 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63141-7881 Attn: Sara Breed, Development Manager (800) 365-2219, ext. 4218 <a href="mailto:snbreed@aoa.org">snbreed@aoa.org</a>

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## Heart of America Contact Lens Society Grant

<i>Sponsor</i>	Heart of America Contact Lens Society
<i>Award Amount</i>	Variable
<i>Eligibility</i>	Applicants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Be permanent residents in one of the following states: Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri or Arkansas</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Be entering their 4<sup>th</sup> year of optometry school</li></ul>
<i>Selection Criteria</i>	Applicant is selected by the director of the contact lens clinic. Based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Overall GPA--20%</li><li>▪ Committee's opinions and impressions--10%</li><li>▪ Grades in contact lens courses--10%</li><li>▪ A publishable paper based on any aspect of contact lenses or primary care optometry--60%</li></ul>
<i>Deadline</i>	November 1
<i>Application Information</i>	Applicant will be notified by the director of the contact lens clinic. See director for additional information.

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## Hispanic Scholarship Fund

<i>Sponsor</i>	Hispanic Scholarship Fund
<i>Award Amount</i>	\$1,000-\$3,000

***Eligibility***

Applicants must:

- Be of Hispanic heritage
- Be a U.S. Citizen or legal permanent resident with permanent resident passport stamped I-551 (not expired)
- Be an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled full-time in a degree-seeking or an accredited U.S. college or university in the U.S., Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands or Guam.
- Have earned at least 12 undergraduate units in a U.S. accredited college
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale
- Have applied for Federal Financial Aid

***Deadline***

Application is available September 1 and the postmark deadline is December 15.

***Application Information***

Application processing occurs from February through June. Selections, award notifications and distributions take place from June through July.

<http://www.hsf.net/Scholarships.aspx>



## **InfantSEE Scholarship Grant**

***Sponsor***

American Optometric Association

***Award Amount***

One \$5,000 Grant  
- Runner-up will be awarded \$2,500

***Eligibility***

Applicants must:

- Be a third year optometry student in good academic standing
- Be attending an accredited college of optometry
- Be a member in good standing of AOSA

***Selection Criteria***

Based on:

- Financial need

- Essay not to exceed 1,000 words on the following topic: How will you, as a primary health care provider, use your professional skills and patient treatment programs to further the goals of the InfantSEE<sup>®</sup> program?
- Each school or college of optometry may only submit one essay

***Deadline*** February 4

***Application Information*** Optometry's Charity<sup>™</sup>– The AOA Foundation  
243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., Floor 1  
St. Louis, MO 63141-7881  
Attn: Sara Breed  
(800) 365-2219, ext. 4218  
[snbreed@aoa.org](mailto:snbreed@aoa.org)

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## Kansas Optometric Foundation Scholarships

***Sponsor*** Kansas Optometric Foundation

***Award Amount*** Four awards of approximately \$1,500 per year

***Eligibility*** Applicants must:  
 Be a resident of the state of Kansas  
 Be enrolled in an accredited school/college of optometry within the United States

***Selection Criteria*** Based on:  
 Essays, High School Transcript, College Transcripts, Recommendation Letters

***Deadline*** August 19

***Application Information***      Kansas Optometric Foundation  
1266 SW Topeka Blvd  
Topeka, KS 66612  
[http://www.kansasoptometric.org/public\\_Scholarships](http://www.kansasoptometric.org/public_Scholarships)

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## **Kansas City: Optometric Society of Greater Kansas City, Inc.**

***Sponsor***                              Optometric Society of Greater Kansas City

***Award Amount***                      \$500

***Eligibility***                              Applicants must:  
 Be a second, third or fourth year optometry student  
 Be from the Greater Kansas City area

***Selection Criteria***                      Based on:  
 GPA  
 Optometric transcript  
 Cover letter

***Deadline***                                April 25

***Application Information***              Optometric Society of Greater Kansas City  
Chad Renner, O.D.  
909 Walnut Suite 2502  
Harrisonville, MO 64106

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## **Maine: Hilda L. Rand Scholarship**

<i>Sponsor</i>	Maine Optometric Association
<i>Award Amount</i>	Two \$1,000 scholarships
<i>Eligibility</i>	Applicant must: <input type="checkbox"/> Be an optometry student who is a resident of Maine.
<i>Selection Criteria</i>	Based on: <input type="checkbox"/> Financial need <input type="checkbox"/> Scholastic achievement <input type="checkbox"/> Character
<i>Deadline</i>	May 2
<i>Application Information</i>	The Hilda L. Rand Scholarship 56 Madison Street Bangor, Maine 04401 Attn: Ms. Mary M. Brooks <a href="mailto:Madison@midmaine.com">Madison@midmaine.com</a> (“Hilda Rand” in subject line)

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## **Michigan Optometry Student Third Year MFVA Scholarship**

<i>Sponsor</i>	Michigan Foundation for Vision Awareness
<i>Award Amount</i>	Minimum of \$1,000 based on current year financial status of foundation
<i>Eligibility</i>	Applicants must: <input type="checkbox"/> Be a resident of Michigan and plan to practice in Michigan <input type="checkbox"/> Be in the third year of Optometry School

- Maintain a "B" average or better
- Be in need of financial assistance to complete his/her education

***Selection Criteria***

Based on:

- Completed Application Form
- Letter of recommendation from a optometry professor
- Official optometry school academic transcript

***Deadline***

May 1

***Application Information***

Dr. Julia Holmes - Scholarship Trustee  
3284 Saratoga Springs Dr  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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## **Minnesota - AFVA Scholarship**

***Sponsor***

American Foundation of Vision Awareness Minnesota Affiliate

***Award Amount***

Two scholarships for \$1,500

***Eligibility***

Applicants must:

- Be residents of Minnesota
- Be in upper 1/3 of class in the academic term completed prior to application

***Selection Criteria***

Based on:

- Letter of application stating the background, interests, and activities of the applicant
- Statement of one page each on:
  - "Why I Want to Practice Optometry"
  - "My Professional Goals After Graduation From Optometry School"

- Transcripts of all college credits earned at the time of application
- Two letters of recommendation from professors indicating character, personality and leadership ability
- OAT scores (this may be a photocopy)
- Final Selection includes a telephone or face to face interview

*Deadline* April 1

*Application Information* AFVA-MN Scholarship Chairperson  
5349 Beard Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55410  
Attn: Lorraine Sabre

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## **Minnie F. Turner Memorial Fund**

*Sponsor* Minnie Turner Fund

*Award Amount* Several \$1,000 scholarships

*Eligibility* Applicant must be:  
 Enrolled in a graduate program at an accredited college of optometry

*Selection Criteria* Interested graduate students must provide a 500 word prospectus of research they plan to undertake

*Deadline* April 1

*Application Information* Minnie F. Turner Memorial Fund Program  
One Kaiser Plaza, Suite 750  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Attn: Herman A. Trutner, Trustee

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## New Jersey: Dr. Leslie Mintz Scholarship

<b><i>Sponsor</i></b>	New Jersey Society of Optometric Physicians
<b><i>Award Amount</i></b>	\$1000 to \$2500
<b><i>Eligibility</i></b>	<p>Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Intend to practice in New Jersey and satisfy at least one of the following<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Have a current legal address in NJ</li><li>▪ Be a member of the student NJ Society of Optometric Physicians organization should your optometry school have such an organization</li><li>▪ Previously resided in NJ within the past 10 years</li></ul></li></ul>
<b><i>Selection Criteria</i></b>	<p>Based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Completed application form</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Optometric college transcript</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> A letter from the Financial Aid Officer in your school which details the amount of all financial assistance you have received and his/her recommendation concerning your need</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Personal statement of why you should be considered for the scholarship (which explains your NJ residency or intent to practice in NJ)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Personal and/or scholastic recommendation submitted by any person you choose</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> See application in Student Affairs</li></ul>
<b><i>Deadline</i></b>	November 30
<b><i>Application Information</i></b>	New Jersey Society of Optometric Physicians 4 AAA Drive Suite 204 Hamilton, NJ 08691 P: (609) 323-4012

F: (609) 323-4014

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## Ohio State Special Eligibility Scholarships

<i>Sponsor</i>	The Ohio State University
<i>Award Amount</i>	Variable
<i>Eligibility</i>	Applicants must: <input type="checkbox"/> File FAFSA Application by March 1
<i>Selection Criteria</i>	Variable depending on scholarship
<i>Deadline</i>	February 15
<i>Application Information</i>	Information for each scholarship can be found at: <a href="http://sfa.osu.edu/Scholarships/">http://sfa.osu.edu/Scholarships/</a> Student Financial Aid 4th Floor SAS Building 281 W Lane Ave Columbus, OH 43210 (614) 292-0300

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## Petry-Lomb Scholarship: New York

<i>Sponsor</i>	Rochester Optometric Society
<i>Award Amount</i>	\$2,000 minimum

***Eligibility*** Applicants must:

- Meet financial need
- Be a second, third, or fourth year student
- Be in good standing in an accredited College of Optometry
- Practice optometry in upstate New York after graduation
- Preference given to New York residents

***Selection Criteria*** Curriculum vitae must be included with application. If applying for a clinical research grant, a research proposal should be submitted. Semifinalists will travel to New York for an interview.

***Deadline*** Postmarked by October 15

***Application Information*** Applications available online at [www.rocheyedocs.org](http://www.rocheyedocs.org)

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## **Phi Kappa Phi: Graduate Fellowships**

***Sponsor*** Phi Kappa Phi

***Award Amount*** Variable

***Eligibility*** Applicants must:

- Be active members of Phi Kappa Phi

***Selection Criteria*** Based on:

- Scholastic achievement and test scores
- Letters of recommendation
- Personal statement expressing career goals

***Deadline*** Contact Danna C. Grant, Scholarship/Award Coordinator, OSU Chapter [grant.127@osu.edu](mailto:grant.127@osu.edu)

*Application Information*      Applications available online at [www.phikappaphi.org](http://www.phikappaphi.org)

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## Saskatchewan Optometric Scholarship

*Sponsor*                              Saskatchewan Association of Optometrists

*Award Amount*                      \$1,000 to \$1,500

*Eligibility*                              Applicants must:

- Be residents of Saskatchewan
- Be enrolled in an accredited college of optometry in Canada or the United States

*Selection Criteria*                      Based on:

- Proof of residency in Saskatchewan
- Detailed explanation of the applicants desire to work in Saskatchewan
- Proof of academic proficiency provided by University transcripts
- Demonstration of financial need
- An essay describing the applicants drive to practice optometry

*Deadline*                                September 15

*Application Information*              The Saskatchewan Optometric Foundation  
108 - 2366 Avenue C North  
Saskatoon SK S7L 5X5  
(306) 652-2069

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## South Dakota: Dr. Monty Friedow Memorial Scholarship

***Sponsor*** Affiliate American Foundation for Vision Awareness

***Award Amount*** \$1,000

***Eligibility*** Applicants must:  
 Be a resident of South Dakota  
 Be entering 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year

***Selection Criteria*** Based on:  
 Academic ranking in the upper half of class

***Deadline*** March 1

***Application Information*** American Foundation for Vision Awareness  
South Dakota Affiliate  
1127 Woodriver Drive  
Pierre, SD 57501  
Attn: Diane M. Rausch

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## USA Funds

***Sponsor*** USA Funds

***Award Amount*** Unspecified

***Eligibility*** See website for details

*Selection Criteria* See website for details

*Deadline* See website for details

*Application Information* Must register at [www.usafunds.org](http://www.usafunds.org)

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## Walman Optical Company Scholarship

*Sponsor* Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America, Inc.

*Award Amount* \$500-\$3,000

*Eligibility* Applicants must:  
 Be a US citizen or resident alien attending a designated school or college of optometry  
 Currently be a second or third year student

*Selection Criteria* Based on completed application

*Deadline* April 10

*Application Information* Walman Optical Company Scholarship Program  
Scholarship Management Services  
One Scholarship Way, PO Box 297  
Saint Peter, MN 56082  
(507) 931-1682  
[www.walman.com](http://www.walman.com)

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# Wisconsin FVA/WOA Scholarship

<b><i>Sponsor</i></b>	Wisconsin Foundation for Vision Awareness and Wisconsin Optometric Association
<b><i>Award Amount</i></b>	Undisclosed
<b><i>Eligibility</i></b>	Applicants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Have completed at least one year in an accredited optometry professional program</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Be residents of Wisconsin for three years prior to applying</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Submit transcripts of pre-optometric and optometric education completed</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Be a member of AOSA</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Submit three letters of recommendation</li></ul>
<b><i>Selection Criteria</i></b>	Based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Academic performance and ability</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Character</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Personality</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Leadership</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of financial need</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Interest in optometry</li></ul>
<b><i>Deadline</i></b>	August 15
<b><i>Application Information</i></b>	WFVA/WOA 6510 Grand Teton Plaza Suite 312 Madison, WI 53719 (608) 824-2200

**Scholarships compiled by:**

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College of Optometry  
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A424 Starling Loving Hall  
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Columbus OH 43210**