

Scholarships

Optometry I, II and III Scholarships, Grants, and Awards

Weeks-Lakin Scholarship

Origin: Established in memory of Lewis E. Weeks, OD
Eligibility: Entering first year optometry student(s), undergraduate GPA of 3.2 or higher, financial need a consideration, out or in state residency
Application: No application necessary. Selection by Associate Dean, Admissions and Awards Committee
Award: Maximum – optometry tuition for one academic year. Variable award based on earnings of endowment.
Number: Amount can be split into multiple awards with each generally greater than \$1000.

AOA Student Leadership Award

Origin: Sponsored by the American Optometric Association
Eligibility: Third year student member in good standing in the AOSA and AOA. Have proven leadership roles and student government involvement. Be a student in good academic standing
Application: Submit a one-page curriculum vita and a brief statement that reflects value and or learning experience that the applicant gained from his or her leadership experience. Deadline: April 1. Selection by Awards Committee in conjunction with the Office of the Associate Dean.
Award: \$1000 award applied to the recipient's tuition during fall of 4th year
Number: One annually

VSP Scholarship Program

Origin: Vision Service Plan
Eligibility: Third year student member with demonstrated excellence in primary eye care services for patients. In top half of the class by GPA. Commitment to enter the independent practice of optometry. Complete brief interview with Clinic Council members.
Application: No application necessary. Selection by Clinic Council in conjunction with the Office of the Associate Dean.
Award: \$2500 payable to student, engraved plaque
Number: Two annually

AOSA-Vistakon Travel Grant Essay Contest Award

Origin: Established in 2003 by Vistakon, Johnson and Johnson in association with the American Optometric Student Association (AOSA)
Eligibility: Student member in good standing with in the AOA, AOSA and MCO. A student registered to attend the AOSA and AOA Convention for the year in question.

Application: Submit an application and a 300-500 word essay on a designated topic. Submit one-page curriculum vitae. **Deadline:** March 1. Local selection by the AOA Faculty Liaison, Scholarship and Awards Committee in conjunction with the Office of the Associate Dean.

Award: Travel grants in the amount of \$500 to attend the optometry meeting
Number: Two grants for each school and college of optometry. National award of an additional \$500 grant.

Dr. Jack W. Bennett Memorial Scholarship

Origin: Family and Friends of Dr. Jack W. Bennett, founding dean of the Ferris State University College of Optometry.
Eligibility: Third year student who demonstrates the principles and high ethical ideals of professionalism that Dr. Bennett exemplified.
Application: No application necessary. Selection by Awards Committee in conjunction with the Office of the Associate Dean.
Award: Variable but generally greater than \$1000.
Number: One annually

Robert E. Brand Memorial Scholarship

Origin: Dr. Robert E. Brand Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund
Eligibility: First year in optometry with demonstrated academic achievement and demonstrated financial need as determined by Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.
Application: No application necessary. Selection by Admissions Committee in conjunction with the Office of the Associate Dean.
Award: Variable but generally greater than \$1,000.
Number: One annually

CIBA Vision – Clinical Excellence Scholarship

Origin: CIBA Vision
Eligibility: Second year student with highest GPA in Contact Lens course, others if top GPA student does not accept scholarship and associated administrative responsibilities for the processing of CIBA Vision Complimentary Contact Lenses and in keeping CIBA Vision lens care starter kits in stock.
Application: No application necessary. Selection by Contact Lens faculty in conjunction with the Office of the Associate Dean.
Award: \$1,000 from May 16 through April of third year
Number: One annually

Frederick W. Kellogg Scholarship

Origin: Family of Frederick W. Kellogg
Eligibility: Third year student with equal or greater than 3.0 GPA and demonstrated financial need.
Application: No application necessary. Selection by Awards Committee in conjunction with the Office of the Associate Dean.

Award: Currently in non-award status
Number: One annually

Dr. Joseph D. Sasaki Scholarship

Origin: Established by Joseph D. Sasaki Endowment Fund and Beta Sigma Kappa in 1976.
Eligibility: Third year student in good standing
Application: No application necessary. Selection by Awards Committee in conjunction with the Office of the Associate Dean.
Award: \$150
Number: One annually

Dr. Robert VanHoven Memorial Scholarship

Origin: Established in 1984 by the family of Dr. VanHoven.
Eligibility: Third year student in good standing with high ideals of professionalism
Application: No application necessary. Selection by Awards Committee in conjunction with the Office of the Associate Dean.
Award: Variable but generally greater than \$1000.
Number: One annually

Dr. Paul E. Borton Scholarship

Origin: Dr. Paul E. Borton Scholarship Endowment Fund. Dr. Borton was past president of the Michigan Optometric Association, served on the Michigan Optometric State Board of Examiners and practiced in Muskegon area for 35 years.
Eligibility: Full time student enrolled in MCO who demonstrates high ideals of professionalism and leadership with a minimum 3.0 GPA.
Application: No application necessary. Selection by Awards Committee in conjunction with the Office of the Associate Dean.
Award: Variable but generally greater than \$500
Number: One annually

***John L. Howlette and C. Clayton Powell Student Founders Award
Cave Memorial Award
Dr. Robert Johnson's Pediatric/Vision Therapy Award***

Origin: Sponsored by the National Optometric Association. Drs. C. Clayton Powell and late John L. Howlette were co-founders of the National Optometric Association (NOA). Cave award in memory of three family optometrists. Dr. Robert Johnson Award in memory of the co-founder of the Plano Child Development Center in Chicago.
Eligibility: 1st, 2nd, or 3rd year optometry student and current NOSA member in good academic standing at an optometric institution with a GPA of 3.00 or higher and demonstrates leadership within the profession and community.
Application: Visit www.natoptassoc.org for more information about the three Awards and travel grants for attendance at the NOA Convention.
Award: \$1000 nationally for each Award and \$200 for a travel grant.

Number: One or more students given travel grants from each school or college of optometry.

Dr. Merrill R. Murray Memorial Scholarship

Origin: Endowment Fund of Dr. Merrill R. Murray. Dr. Murray served at FSU in several administrative positions from 1959 to 1982. He played a pivotal role in the establishment of the doctor of optometry program. At his retirement he was the Associate Dean of the College of Optometry.

Eligibility: Full time students at MCO with an earned minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher. Must have demonstrated personal characteristics of professionalism, leadership, concern for others and dedication to quality care and community. First preference will be given to students who attained their primary and or secondary education in Mecosta County, Michigan or Henry County, Indiana. Selection by Awards Committee in conjunction with the Office of the Associate Dean.

Award: Variable but generally not less than \$500.

Number: One annually

Michigan Optometric Association Student of the Year Award

Origin: Sponsored by Michigan Optometric Association

Eligibility: Third year student with demonstrated outstanding leadership and academic achievement and letters of nomination. Michigan resident

Application: No application necessary. Nomination by Awards Committee with accompanying letter of recommendation from Associate Dean.

Award: \$100 and engraved plaque

Number: One annually

Michigan College of Optometry Alumni Endowment

Origin: Michigan College of Optometry Alumni Scholarship Endowment Fund

Eligibility: First year student with demonstrated high ideals of professionalism and leadership with an earned minimum or greater 3.0 GPA.

Application: No application necessary. Selection by Awards Committee in conjunction with the Office of the Associate Dean.

Award: Variable but generally greater than \$800

Number: One annually

Midland Lions Roger Maier Scholarship

Origin: Bequest of Roger Maier to the Midland Lions Club. Roger Maier taught mathematics at Northeast Intermediate School in Midland for 32 years and was interested in helping a student who wishes to pursue an education that will help improve vision.

Eligibility: Third or fourth year student. Preference shall be given to students from Midland County, Michigan.

Application: No application necessary. Selection by Awards Committee in conjunction with the Office of the Associate Dean.
Award: Variable but generally greater than \$1500
Number: One annually

Dr. Henry R. Racki Optometry Scholarship Endowment Scholarship

Origin: Dr. Henry R. Racki Optometry Scholarship Endowment Fund. Dr. Racki established this Endowment in appreciation of the profession of optometry with the hope that recipients of these scholarships will follow a virtuous life and career.
Eligibility: Second year student. Preference given to students who have demonstrated an interest in liberal arts and/or are residents of Macomb County, Michigan.
Application: No application necessary. Selection by Awards Committee in conjunction with the Office of the Associate Dean.
Award: Variable but generally greater than \$1200.
Number: One annually

American Foundation for Vision Awareness (AFVA-MOA)

Origin: American Foundation for Vision Awareness/Michigan Affiliate as Administered by the Auxiliary to the Michigan Optometric Association.
Eligibility: Third year student with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. A demonstrated financial need and intent to practice in Michigan following graduation.
Application: Application, transcripts from optometry college, and letter of reference from optometry faculty member must be received by Auxiliary of MOA on or before May 1.
Award: Minimum scholarship award is \$1000. \$4000 award for 2006.
Number: Five annually

American Optometric Association Advantage Scholarship

Origin: American Optometric Association Advantage Program
Eligibility: Second year student who has demonstrated academic achievement and also has demonstrated financial need as determined by the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.
Application: No application necessary. Selection by Awards Committee in conjunction with the Office of the Associate Dean.
Award: Variable but generally greater than \$1500
Number: Two annually

American Optometric Association Patrick E. Cummings Memorial Scholarship

Origin: AOA Endowment Fund established 2004
Eligibility: Third Year student in good standing in AOSA and AOA. Must be in good academic standing.
Application: Submit resume to summarize academic accomplishments and services. Submit paper on a specified topic. Decision made by Scholarship and Awards

Committee in conjunction with the Office of the Associate Dean. National competition with one nominee from each school or college of optometry.
Award: \$3000 National award
Number: One annually

Essilor/Varilux Student Grant Award

Origin: Established by Essilor of America and Varilux
Eligibility: Third or fourth year student
Application: Submission of a case report on a patient fit with Varilux lenses. Report judged on: dispensing skills, application to patient's needs, case analysis, analysis of lens design and lens performance. Report needs to include patient's old and new Rx, occupation, hobbies, and other pertinent data. Maximum length 2,000 words. Case report submitted by March 1 to the Office of the Associate Dean at the College. (Contact Associate Dean's Office for more details)
Award: \$1000 plus entry into the national judging. National winner receives all-expenses paid trip for two (student and faculty advisor) to the AOA Congress in June.
Number: One annually, if appropriate case report submitted.

Dr. Seymour Galina Grant

Origin: Administered by the American Optometric Association (AOA) Endowment Fund.
Eligibility: Third year student in good academic standing and in good standing in the AOSA and AOA with demonstrated financial need.
Application: Submit a paper not to exceed 1500 on a topic regarding financial planning. Submit statement regarding your financial need for the award. Statements relative to your expenses, the type of aid you have previously received, the type of aid you are currently receiving, and the level of indebtedness you anticipate having at the time of your graduation are important items to be included in the statement. Decision made by Scholarship and Awards Committee in conjunction with the Office of the Associate Dean. National competition with one nominee from each school or college of optometry.
Award: \$2500 grant
Number: One national award annually

Vision Care, Inc. Scholarship

Origin: VCI, Inc, a CompBenefits Company
Eligibility: Third year student
Application: No application necessary. Selection by Awards Committee in conjunction with the Office of the Associate Dean.
Award: \$1000 award
Number: One annually

Walman Optical Company Scholarship Program

Origin: Administered by Scholarship Management Services, a department of Scholarship America.
Eligibility: Second or third year student and US citizen
Applicaton: See Office of Associate Dean for application. Recipients have no obligation to Walman Optical Company. Required to supply Scholarship America with complete transcripts when requested. Selection by Scholarship America 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. April 10 postmark deadline date.
Award: Range from \$500 to \$3,000.
Number: Variable nationally

Walmart/Sams Optical Scholarship

Origin: Wal-Mart/Sam's Optical Division
Eligibility: Third year student with high scholastic standing with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher, a demonstrated financial need, strong leadership qualities and shows a desire to enter community practice upon graduation and has current/previous experience in community practice.
Application: Submit application available from Office of Associate Dean. Selection by Awards Committee in conjunction with the Office of the Associate Dean.
Award: \$1,000 given to selected recipient at each school or college of optometry
Number: One annually.

Optometry IV Scholarships, Grants, and Awards

The awards and scholarships as described in this section are 4th year awards and most are awarded toward the end of the final rotation. Some of the awards are presented at the time of Commencement. To be given consideration as a potential recipient of a scholarship or award, it is necessary to submit an application in the manner described within the enclosed text related to each scholarship or award. It is essential that the stated deadline be observed. In every case, the deadline specified is the date by which the application must have been received here at the college, not the post marked date. Submission by fax or electronically as an e-mail attachment is acceptable. The fax number is 231-591-2394 and the e-mail address is peterson@ferris.edu. Contact Colleen at 231-591-3703 for award applications not included in this packet. Please note that all applications are to be directed to the Office of the Associate Dean, unless otherwise stated.

William C. Ezell Fellowship

Origin: Established in 1949 by the American Optometric Foundation in honor of William C. Ezell, O.D., as a means of providing incentive and opportunity to talented post-graduate researchers who wish to pursue careers in optometric research and education.
Eligibility: Anyone entering or continuing a full-time, post-graduate (Masters or Ph.D.) course of study and research relating to optometric education provided:
(1) the student's study/research is conducted to further prepare one to assume full-time research and teaching at a US school or college of optometry; and

(2) the applicant agrees to provide appropriate attribution to the AOF for all published works researched, written or published during which the AOF Fellowship support was received.

Application: Forms are available from the Associate Dean's Office or online at www.aaoptom.org. Application deadline is March 15. Recommendations are made by the Advisory Research Council (ARC) to the Board of Directors of AOF who make the final decision.

Award: Up to \$8000 for one academic year.

Number: Variable on an annual basis nationally.

George N. Holcomb Memorial Scholarship

Origin: Established in 1985 through contributions of family, friends and associates of the late George N. Holcomb, distinguished teacher, administrator, and one of the architects of the Michigan College of Optometry.

Eligibility: Awarded annually to a graduating optometry student who intends to pursue further education in either a graduate or residency program in preparation for a career in optometric education and/or research.

Application: Application deadline is April 1 to the Office of the Associate Dean. Application forms are available from the Associate Dean's Office for those who meet the criteria.

Award: A cash award of a minimum of \$1000 to help defray the costs of additional education. Additional compensation at the discretion of the Awards Committee.

Number: One annually, if appropriate application received.

Essilor/Varilux Student Grant Award

- Origin:** Established by Essilor of America and Varilux
- Eligibility:** Third or fourth year student
- Application:** Submission of a case report on a patient fit with Varilux lenses. Report judged on dispensing skills, application to patient's needs, case analysis, analysis of lens design and lens performance. Report needs to include patient's old and new Rx, occupation, hobbies, and other pertinent data. Maximum length 2,000 words. Case report submitted by March 1 to the Office of the Associate Dean. (Contact Associate Dean's Office for more details)
- Award:** \$1000 plus entry into the national judging. National winner receives all-expenses paid trip for two (student and faculty advisor) to the AOA Congress in June.
- Number:** One annually, if appropriate case report submitted.

Essilor Crizal DCRP Award

- Origin:** Sponsored by Essilor of America and Crizal Alize
- Eligibility:** Fourth year student with strong dispensing interest and skills and preferably be entering private practice.
- Application:** No application necessary. Decision made by Scholarship and Awards Committee with assistance of the clinic opticians in conjunction with Office of Associate Dean.
- Award:** Essilor Digital Corneal Reflex Pupilometer valued at approximately \$500
- Number:** One annually

COVD Dr. Martin Kane Student Research Award

- Origin:** Established by the College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD).
- Eligibility:** Fourth year student
- Application:** Submission of a synopsis describing a proposed research project devoted to "Vision and Learning." The applicant must be a student/resident COVD member, have a faculty advisor for the project and proposed completion date for the project. (See Dr. Cron for more details.) Applications for the award program are available from the Associate Dean's Office. The deadline for submission to the COVD is May 15. The selection of the best research project will be the responsibility of COVD.
- Award:** A plaque and a \$750 stipend to help defray the costs of the project and travel expenses to present the project at the Scientific Poster Session of the next regularly scheduled COVD Annual Meeting.
- Number:** One annually.

COVD Robert and Marge Wold Annual Meeting Grant

- Origin:** Sponsored by College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD)
- Eligibility:** Fourth year student must be a student COVD member, currently receiving financial aid
- Application:** Submit an essay describing your interest in behavioral/developmental vision care. (See Associate Dean's Office for application or Dr. Cron for more details)
- Award:** Accommodations and meals at the annual COVD meeting
- Number:** One annually

Julius F. Neumueller Award in Optics

Sponsor: American Academy of Optometry
Eligibility: Any optometry student
Application: Submit a paper not to exceed 3000 words on one of the following topics: Geometrical Optics, Physical Optics, Ophthalmic Optics, or Optics of the Eye. Decision by the Scholarship and Awards Committee in conjunction with Dr. M. Keating. Committee can submit two papers each year with an accompanying letter from the Dean. (See Associate Dean's office for application details)
Award: Plaque, cash stipend, plus travel stipend to AAO Annual Meeting with waived registration fees.
Number: One winner nationally per year.

Academic Recognition Award

Origin: Sponsored by MCO
Eligibility: Fourth year graduation student with the highest GPA
Application: No application necessary. Selection by Scholar and Awards Committee in conjunction with Office of the Associate Dean
Award: \$250 and engraved plaque
Number: One annually

Beta Sigma Kappa Silver Medal Award

Origin: Sponsored by Beta Sigma Kappa National Honorary Society
Eligibility: Fourth year student with the highest academic achievement based on GPA.
Application: No application necessary. Selection by the office of the Associate Dean in conjunction with Dr. Michael Cron.
Award: Silver Medal
Number: One annually

Daniel Peterson Memorial Award

Origin: MCO/OSG Award
Eligibility: Fourth year student with outstanding ethical and professional standards
Application: No application necessary. Decision by representatives of OSG
Award: OSG provides an individual plaque and also has recipient's name engraved on the in-house plaque, which is housed permanently in the College of Optometry. Presented at the Commencement Hooding ceremony by the OSG President or faculty advisor.
Number: One annually

Marchon Eyewear Practice Management Award

Origin: Sponsored by Marchon Eyewear
Eligibility: Awarded to a graduating fourth year student.
Application: No application necessary. Decision made by Scholarship and Awards Committee with assistance of the clinic opticians and in conjunction with Office of Associate Dean.

Award: Cash stipend and an engraved plaque
Number: One annually

Alcon 4th Year Student Scholarship Award-Case Study

Origin: Sponsored by Alcon Laboratories, Inc.
Eligibility: Fourth year student
Application: Submit case report paper on the use of any Alcon product. (Product examples: Patanol, Vigamox, Tobradex, Azopt, Betoptic S, Travatan, Systane, Opti-Free Express, Clerz Plus Lens Drops, Unique pH, ICaps.) Decision by Scholarship and Awards Committee in conjunction with Associate Dean's Office. See Associate Dean's office for application details. Please note deadline of January 31 to Associate Dean's Office.
Award: \$1000 for best case report submitted by the college. \$5000 for the overall best paper selected by Alcon panel.

Secretary's Award for Innovations in Health Promotion

Origin: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Eligibility: All students enrolled in the O.D. Program.
Application: Submit a proposal, not to exceed 2,500 words or 10 pages. Projects should support the US Department of Health and Human Service's Healthy People 2010 initiative. Approval by faculty advisor and submission to Office of Associate Dean no later than February 1. Papers which are determined to be of merit and in compliance with the rules will be forwarded to the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry by March 1. ASCO selects 10 semi-finalist papers and forwards to US Department of Health and Human Services. Papers are judged by interdisciplinary panel of senior staff who select first, second and third place papers. (See Associate Dean's office for application details)
Award: Three separate amounts, \$3500, \$2500, \$1500. Recipient and advisor provided awards in Washington DC at a special ceremony. Cost of trip at government expense.
Number: Three awards nationally

Vistakon Award for Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care

Origin: Administered by the American Optometric Foundation
Eligibility: Any graduating fourth year student attending a school or college of optometry in the US, Canada, and Puerto Rico.
Application: Submit enclosed CL evaluation form completed by a clinical faculty who worked with you in the area of contact lenses in your fourth year. This form must be returned to the Associate Dean's office by April 1. Also submit other information such as academic achievement, research, other awards, and/or clinical experience that would demonstrate your excellence in the area of contact lenses.
Award: \$1000 and a personalized plaque
Number: One annually to each school or college of optometry

GP Lens Institute Clinical Excellence Award

Origin: GP Lens Institute and member laboratories of the Contact Lens Manufacturers Association (CLMA)

Eligibility: Fourth-year student who has demonstrated enthusiasm for learning more about GP lens designs and materials, desire to improve their fitting skills, and promote GP use as well as recruiting patients for this lens modality.

Application: To apply, you must have the enclosed CL evaluation form completed by a clinical faculty who worked with you in the area of contact lenses in your fourth year. This form must be returned to the Associate Dean's office by April 1. Also submit other information such as academic achievement, research, other awards, and/or clinical experience that would demonstrate your excellence in the area of contact lenses. Decision by the contact lens faculty (Bruce Morgan) and the Scholarship and Awards Committee in conjunction with Office of the Associate Dean.

Award: Plaque and certificate for a complimentary GP Diagnostic Lens Set.

Number: One annually

Eschenbach Low Vision Student Award

Origin: Eschenbach Optik of America

Eligibility: Fourth year student

Application: No application necessary. Selection by Awards Committee in conjunction with the Office of the Associate Dean.

Award: Engraved plaque for the college and certificate suitable for framing and Complimentary Diagnostic tray Assortment of Illuminated Stand Magnifiers from Eschenbach.

Number: One annually

William Feinbloom Low Vision Award

Origin: Sponsored by Designs for Vision, Inc.

Eligibility: Fourth year student

Application: To apply, you must have the enclosed Low Vision evaluation form completed by a clinical faculty who worked with you in the area of low vision in your fourth year. This form must be returned to the Associate Dean's office by April 1. Also submit other information such as academic achievement, research, other awards, and/or clinical experience that would demonstrate your excellence in the area of low vision. Decision by Scholarship and Awards Committee in conjunction with Office of the Associate Dean.

Award: Low Vision Trial Lens Set valued in excess of \$1000 and engraved plaque

Number: One annually

The David J. Kerko Low Vision Award

Origin: Sponsored by the Winchester Optical Company in recognition of David J. Kerko, retired manager of Corning Medical Optics and the co-inventor of the "Glare Control" lenses. He was active in the Low Vision Community and the Lighthouse organization until his retirement in 2000.

Eligibility: Presented to a graduating senior who has demonstrated interest and exceptional clinical proficiency in the area of low vision.

Application: To apply, you must have the enclosed Low Vision evaluation form completed by a clinical faculty who worked with you in the area of low vision in your fourth year. This form must be returned to the Associate Dean's office by April

1. Also submit other information such as academic achievement, research, other awards, and/or clinical experience that would demonstrate your excellence in the area of low vision. Decision by Scholarship & Awards Committee in conjunction with Office of the Associate Dean.

Award: Dispensing Kit for dispensing Corning Glare Control Lenses.

Number: One annually

COVD Award for Excellence in Vision Therapy

Origin: Sponsored by College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD)

Eligibility: Awarded to the fourth year student who has demonstrated a strong interest and clinical skills in the area of vision therapy.

Application: To apply, you must have a Vision Therapy/Binocular Vision evaluation form completed by a clinical faculty who worked with you in the area of VT/BV in your fourth year. This form must be returned to the Associate Dean's office by April 1. Also submit other information such as academic achievement, research, other awards, and/or clinical experience that would demonstrate your excellence in the area of vision therapy and/or binocular vision. Decision by Scholarship and Awards Committee in conjunction with Office of the Associate Dean

Award: Engraved plaque (Sample format mailed with the announcement)

Number: One annually

Michigan College of Optometry Senior Research Awards

The Michigan College of Optometry gives an award for the best research paper in each of the following areas: Administrative Science, Clinical Optometric Science, Primary Care, Vision Therapy/Binocular Vision, and for the best Original Investigative Work. The MCO Awards Committee reserves the right to reclassify the categories of the papers in order to maximize the distribution of the awards. Senior Research papers should be submitted with the attached Research Award application to the Associate Dean's Office by April 1. Each recipient in award category receives \$100 plus a certificate.

Michigan College of Optometry Research Awards

TO: Associate Dean, Michigan College of Optometry
1310 Cramer Circle, PEN 402
Big Rapids, MI, 49307

FROM: _____

SUBJECT: Senior Research Paper Submitted for MCO Award Consideration

DATE: _____ (Deadline: April 1)

Title of the Senior Research Project/Paper:

Faculty Advisor(s):

Objective of the Senior Research Paper:

The actual number of awards varies depending on sponsorship programs, but generally falls into these broad categories. Check the most appropriate category for your paper; however, the Scholarship & Awards Committee reserves the right to reclassify them to maximize the distribution of available awards. The "original investigative work" category by definition needs to be an experimental research project as opposed to a literature search.

? clinical optometric science ? vision therapy

? administrative science (practice management) ? original investigative work

? primary care

OPTM IV Student Contact Lens Clinical Skill & Knowledge Assessment

Re: _____
(Student)

The above named student is applying to be considered for a contact lens award. To help us evaluate the student's clinical skills and knowledge in the area of contact lenses we have asked the student to have one of the faculty who has supervised them with contact lens patients report on the following. Thank you for your assistance.

<u>How would you assess the student's: Rating</u>	<u>Low Rating</u>					<u>High</u>
1. Level of enthusiasm in the area of CL's?	1	2	3	4	5	
2. Patient communication skills in the area of CL's?	1	2	3	4	5	
3. Basic RGP lens fitting skill & knowledge?	1	2	3	4	5	
4. Basic Soft lens fitting skill & knowledge?	1	2	3	4	5	
5. Specialty CL fitting skill & knowledge?	1	2	3	4	5	
6. Familiarity with various CL designs & products?	1	2	3	4	5	
7. Familiarity with various CL solutions?	1	2	3	4	5	
8. Follow-up & aftercare of CL patients?	1	2	3	4	5	
9. Overall, how would you rate this student as a CL clinician from 1-10, with 10 being the highest? _____						
10. This assessment is based on approximately how many CL patients? _____						

Comments:

_____ Rotation Site

_____ Print Faculty Name

_____ Faculty Signature

When completed, please return this assessment to:
Office of the Associate Dean
Michigan College of Optometry
1310 Cramer Circle, PEN 402
Big Rapids, MI 49307-2738

DEADLINE: This form must be received at the college by April 1. **NO EXTENSIONS.**

OPTM IV Student Low Vision Clinical Skill & Knowledge Assessment

Re: _____
(Student)

The above named student is applying to be considered for a low vision award. To help us evaluate the student’s clinical skills and knowledge in the area of low vision we have asked the student to have one of the faculty who has supervised them with low vision lens patients report on the following. Thank you for your assistance.

How would you assess the student’s: Rating	<u>Low Rating</u>					<u>High</u>
1. Level of enthusiasm in the area of low vision?	1	2	3	4	5	
2. Patient communication skills in the area of low vision?	1	2	3	4	5	
3. Basic low vision skill & knowledge?	1	2	3	4	5	
4. Basic low vision device fitting skill and Knowledge?	1	2	3	4	5	
5. Specialty low vision device fitting skill and knowledge?	1	2	3	4	5	
6. Familiarity with various low vision designs and products?	1	2	3	4	5	
7. Familiarity with various low vision patients?	1	2	3	4	5	
8. Overall, how would you rate this student as a low vision clinician from 1-10, with 10 being the highest? _____						
9. This assessment is based on approximately how many low vision patients? _____						

Comments:

_____ Rotation Site

_____ Print Faculty Name

_____ Faculty Signature

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Big Rapids, MI 49307-2738

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**OPTM IV Student Vision Therapy/Binocular Vision
Clinical Skill & Knowledge Assessment**

Re: _____
(Student)

The above named student is applying to be considered for a vision therapy award. To help us evaluate the student's clinical skills and knowledge in the area of vision therapy we have asked the student to have one of the faculty who has supervised them with vision therapy patients report on the following. Thank you for your assistance.

How would you assess the student's: Rating	<u>Low Rating</u>					<u>High</u>
1. Level of enthusiasm in the area of VT?	1	2	3	4	5	5
2. Patient communication skills in the area of VT?	1	2	3	4	5	5
3. Basic VT (non-strab) skill & knowledge?	1	2	3	4	5	5
4. Advanced VT (strab) skill & knowledge?	1	2	3	4	5	5
5. Familiarity with various VT procedures?	1	2	3	4	5	5
6. Familiarity with various VT products?	1	2	3	4	5	5
7. Follow-up & aftercare of VT patients?	1	2	3	4	5	5
8. Overall, how would you rate this student as a VT clinician from 1-10, with 10 being the highest? _____						
9. This assessment is based on approximately how many VT patients? _____						

Comments:

_____ Rotation Site

_____ Print Faculty Name

_____ Faculty Signature

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