

KOF SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS

The Kansas Optometric Foundation (KOF) is offering three \$1,500 scholarships to Kansas optometry students. These scholarships are funded through donations to the KOF by optometrists.

Past scholarship recipients must reapply each consecutive year in order to be considered for continued funding.

Eligibility requirements for these scholarships are as follows:

- The applicant must have completed the pre-optometry professional school educational requirements.
- The applicant must be accepted by an accredited school of optometry for the Fall 2017 term or already be enrolled in an accredited school of optometry. Students at schools of optometry that are currently undergoing the accreditation process are also eligible.
- The applicant must be a resident of the state of Kansas.
- The applicant must agree to practice optometry in the state of Kansas one year for each year he/she receives a scholarship.
- Eligibility is limited to students who are not related to a Kansas Optometric Association member. This includes spouses, sons, daughters, sons-in-laws and daughters-in-law.

Instructions for the scholarship are as follows:

1. Complete the “Application Form” (attached)
2. Write short (300 words or less) “Explanation of Interest in Optometry” and attach this sheet to your application.
3. Write short (100 words or less) “Need for Scholarship” and attach this sheet to your application.
4. Request that applicable transcripts from the following institutions be sent directly to the Kansas Optometric Foundation address.
 - a. High School
 - b. College (all)
 - c. Optometry school (all work completed to date)
5. Request that the three interview forms enclosed be completed and sent directly to the Kansas Optometric Foundation by the following individuals:
 - a. Educator (preferably a school administrator or guidance counselor)
 - b. Optometrist of applicant’s choice
 - c. Individual of applicant’s choice (not a relative)
6. Sign the attached form indicating your intent to practice optometry in Kansas following graduation from optometry school.

The scholarships will be paid directly to the individuals in one lump sum in September 2017.

*If you wish to be considered for these scholarships, **ALL** information requested must be completed **IN FULL** and returned to the Kansas Optometric Foundation.*