



Scholarship Criteria for Consideration:

- SCOPA Scholarship recipients will be selected annually by the SCOPA Board of Directors, after review of application material. Academic and personal references, academic standing, commitment to the academic program, and other specified criteria will be considered. Parameters for selection include merit, character, and volunteer activities.
- The scholarship may be awarded to first-through-fourth-year optometry students. Applicants must be enrolled full time in an accredited school of optometry.
- Applicants must submit a complete SCOPA application and all required information by the deadline. Recipients will be notified by phone call or letter no later than **July 15th**.
- **Completed application with all supporting documentation must be postmarked by June 30th.** No late applications or parts of the application packet will be accepted.
- Applicants must be related to a SCOPA member and/or a South Carolina resident.
- The SCOPA Board of Directors reserves the right to determine if an award will be given.
- In the event that a relative of a current SCOPA Board of Directors member should apply, that Board member will be excused from the scholarship determination process.
- Scholarship recipient selection will be made without regard to race, age, gender, religion, political beliefs, or any other factor which could constitute unfair or illegal discrimination.
- Applicants must be a U.S. citizen and must attend an accredited optometry school during the duration of the scholarship year.
- Applicants must be in good standing, have a minimum or a 3.0 cumulative overall grade point average be enrolled full-time.
- Applicants must submit a transcript from their school of optometry. Transcripts must indicate grade point average.
- This is a one-time scholarship. Anyone wishing for additional scholarships must re-apply each year. Scholarships will be awarded based on funds available and applicant eligibility.
- Decisions of the Board of Directors are final in all matters related to the above practices.
- If the applicant is not a student member of SCOPA, they will be asked to complete and submit an application.

SCOPA's Mission

Preserve, promote and advance the profession of optometry ensuring access to quality eye care in South Carolina (adopted 2017).