To Whom It May Concern:

As you know, each year the New Jersey Chapter of the Academy of Optometry provides 5 travel grants in the amount $750 to students attending the national American Academy of Optometry meeting that year.

In years past our only stipulation was that the recipients of the travel grant be permanent residents of the state New Jersey. This year, we are changing the requirements in order to help promote the academic aspect of the grant. The new requirements of the travel grants are as follows:

- Student or Resident must prepare and present a poster that has been formally accepted by the AAO based on their submission guidelines at the national AAO meeting in Orlando, FL, which is being held October 23-27, 2019;
- Student or Resident must also be available to present the same paper or poster at the NJAO chapter dinner meeting on November 6, 2019, at Jumping Brook Country Club in Neptune, NJ;
- Preference is given to permanent residents of the state of New Jersey, however students from any state are welcome to apply;
- Applications must be submitted by September 15, 2019.

We are looking for your help to advertise this travel grant to your students and residents who are looking for assistance to attend this year’s national Academy meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Candice Tolud, OD, FAAO
President, NJAO Chapter
NEW JERSEY ACADEMY OF OPTOMETRY
APPLICATION FOR STUDENT TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP

This year the New Jersey Academy of Optometry (NJAO) will offer 5 travel grants in the amount of $750 each for students and/or optometric residents to attend the annual meeting of the American Academy of Optometry (AAO) in Chicago.

Travel grants are awarded to students and/or residents who are presenting papers or posters at this year’s Academy meeting which is being held on October 23-27, 2019 in Orlando, Florida AND who will also be able to present the same poster at our NJAO chapter dinner meeting on November 6, 2019 at Jumping Brook Country Club in Neptune, NJ.

DEADLINE for SUBMISSION of THIS APPLICATION: September 15, 2019.

Applicants must be attending the AAO meeting who are presenting a paper or poster at the Academy Meeting. Although, not a requirement for a travel grant, preference will be given to students/residents who are residents of the state of New Jersey.

Student’s or Resident’s Name (please print):
____________________________________________________

Please choose: □ Student □ Resident

School/College (or location of Optometric Residency):
____________________________________________________

Valid current email address:__________________________________________

Mailing Address while attending College or completing Residency:
____________________________________________________

Permanent Home Address:
____________________________________________________

Phone (day): (_____) ________________ (evening): (_____) ______________________

Are you a Student Member of the Academy? ____YES ____NO
Have you had a paper or poster accepted for the 2019 Orlando meeting? ____ YES
____ NO

*Please include a copy of your presentation’s acceptance letter from the AAO*

Are you available to present the poster at the NJAO educational dinner meeting on
November 6, 2019 at Jumping Brook Country Club in Neptune, NJ ____ YES ____ NO

In addition to this application please include:

1) A brief 500-word statement highlighting your academic training, commitment and interests in optometric research and/or education as well as your short and long term career goals
2) A copy of the abstract of paper or poster that has been accepted by the AAO
3) A copy of the letter of acceptance of your paper or poster from the AAO
4) FOR NJ RESIDENTS: proof of address (*please note while not required, preference is given to NJ residents*)

Applicant’s signature: __________________________________________
Date:________________________

A faculty member at your school/college must sign for the accuracy of this application.
Signature certifies that the applicant is enrolled full-time in optometry school or an optometric residency:

_______________________________________________Date:_____

(Faculty Member’s signature)

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(Faculty Member’s printed name & title)

Please return completed application and required supporting documents to:
Candice Tolud, OD, FAAO
President, NJAO
Candice.tolud@gmail.com

Applications for New Jersey Academy of Optometry Travel Fellowships to attend the
2019 Academy Meeting in Orlando, FL, must be submitted by September 15, 2019.