

***John L. Howlette and C. Clayton Powell***  
***Student Founders Award***  
**APPLICATION**

Sponsored by the National Optometric Association  
Mission: Advancing the visual health of minority populations

Drs. C. Clayton Powell and the late John L. Howlette are the co-founders of the National Optometric Association (NOA). The NOA was founded in 1969 at a meeting of several Black optometrists in Richmond, Virginia. These individuals desired to join a group of professionals who dealt with the same issues as small business owners and practitioners. By meetings end, these practitioners founded the NOA. The NOA was to be, and presently is, a vehicle by which information can be shared to form networks, mentoring relationships, and potential partnerships among its members. The leadership of NOA developed more formal networks of communication and lobbied for representation of minority optometrists within mainstream organized optometry and minority representation in optometric training programs. The founders worked diligently over the years to share practice-building strategies with colleagues, participate in educational development programs specific to minority populations and recruit countless numbers of minority optometrists in practice throughout the U.S. Today, the NOA continues to have as its primary goals the recruitment and retention of underrepresented minority students, particularly African-Americans, into the optometric profession, placement of new optometric graduates after graduation, assistance to other organizations with providing information and eye care to humanity, and education of minorities regarding the eye conditions that are specific to their visual welfare. This award will be given to the optometric student who demonstrates commitment to the profession, diligence to excellence, and compassion for the visual welfare of humanity.

Criteria

One (1) \$1000 cash award will be given to one optometry student who:

- 1) is in good academic standing at respective optometric institution (GPA=3.0 or higher)
- 2) is an active NOSA member
- 3) demonstrates leadership within the profession and community
- 4) is first, second, or third-year optometry student

Send completed application or inquiries to:

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NOA Director of Student Affairs  
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Avon Lake, OH 44012  
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The recipient of this award will be announced at the annual National Optometric Association Convention. Attendance is not required.

***The John L. Howlette and C. Clayton Powell***  
***Student Founders Award***  
**Scholarship Application**  
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**PLEASE SUBMIT ONLY TYPE WRITTEN APPLICATIONS**

**PART I**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Name (Last, First MI) \_\_\_\_\_

StreetAddress : \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Optometry School: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution has an active NOSA chapter? (circle one)    Yes    No

Name of NOSA Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**PART II**

**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Please submit a one to two page typed, double-spaced essay highlighting the following:

1. Your reason (s) for applying for this award
2. Your involvement in professional, community, and extracurricular activities or events that have displayed your commitment to serving humanity and demonstrating interest in others
3. How you hope to positively impact the profession of optometry in the future

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Please submit two (2) letters of recommendation from an educator, administrator, optometrist, or community leader who is able to speak on your behalf regarding your leadership qualities, humanitarian acts that positively impact others, scholarly achievements, and any honors or accomplishments that make you a good candidate for this award.

**TRANSCRIPT**

Please submit one official transcript by the application deadline.

**DEADLINE: Complete Applications must be RECEIVED by June 1, 2010.**

**The recipient of this award will be announced at the 41<sup>th</sup> Annual National Optometric Association Convention, July 13 -18<sup>th</sup>, 2010, in San Juan, Puerto Rico.**