

North Carolina Optometry Scholarship- Loan Program

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For many years, the State of North Carolina has provided funding to North Carolina students for the study of optometry at the following out-of-state campuses:

- Pennsylvania College of Optometry
- Southern College of Optometry
- University of Alabama at Birmingham

The North Carolina Optometry Scholarship-Loan Program (OSL) provides funding to residents of the state pursuing doctoral degrees in optometry at any of these three campuses. This program replaces the Contract Programs in Dentistry, Medicine, and Optometry. Current recipients of funding through the Contract Programs will continue to receive funding under the terms of that program until they graduate or are otherwise no longer eligible to receive awards.

Beginning Fall 2008, the OSL will provide monetary support for NC residents selected for this program who enroll at these campuses. A combined total of up to 19 awards are available to students in each entering class at the participating institutions. Students must be certified as North Carolina residents to be considered for these awards. The residency certification form is available at CFNC.org/optometry.

The scholarship-loan can be renewed for up to four years of study at a qualifying campus. The award amounts will be announced on the website in the fall of 2007.

Recipients are required to repay the awards by working in North Carolina following completion of their optometry programs. For each year worked in North Carolina as an optometrist, the recipient is credited with one year of loan repayment. Students who do not provide the required service upon graduation must repay the scholarship-loan in cash at a 10% annual interest rate.

General Information and Prerequisites for Optometry Programs

The three campuses participating in the North Carolina Optometry Scholarship-Loan Program have minor variations in their admission requirements. Each school, however, requests that all applicants take the Optometry Admission Test (OAT). For general information about the OAT, or to register, visit <https://www.ada.org/oat/index.html>.

For information about careers and educational opportunities in optometry, contact the health careers advisor at your college campus. For more information about admission requirements, contact the participating campuses.

Pennsylvania College of Optometry

Office of Admissions
Pennsylvania College of Optometry
8360 Old York Road
Elkins Park, PA 19027-1598
800-824-6262
www.pco.edu

Southern College of Optometry

Admissions Office
Southern College of Optometry
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800-238-0180
www.sco.edu

University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry

Office of Student Affairs
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