NECO Scholarships

Alumni Association Scholarship
Provides nine $1000 awards to students in good academic standing and with demonstrated financial need and community service. The recipients are selected by an Alumni Association Scholarship Committee.

William C. Barrett Memorial Scholarship for Clinical Excellence
Provides an award to a fourth year student with outstanding clinical skills and documented financial need. Priority is given to students meeting these criteria who served in clinical rotations at the Omni Center in Atlanta, Georgia. The scholarship award will be used to reduce the outstanding principal on the recipient’s most costly student loan. The recipient is selected by the preceptors at the Omni Atlanta.

Beider Moral Obligation Scholarship
Offered to approximately eight students in the third and fourth year who have a cumulative grade-point average over 3.60 and who are financially needy, earnest, and faithful. The award is applied to the student recipients’ accounts.

Dr. John Carter Scholarship
Provides an award to a third year student who has achieved a grade of A in all pharmacology coursework. Other additional factors may include demonstrated academic leadership and exemplary character.

Class of 1969 Scholarship
Awarded to a fourth year student with demonstrated financial need and outstanding clinical performance.

Israel and Sylvia Grossman Scholarship
Awarded to a student in the second, third, or fourth year who has demonstrated academic achievement and financial need, and who has the potential for becoming an active and concerned member of the alumni body of the college and the optometric profession.

The Rose and Warren Guilford Dr. Arnelda Levine and Dr. Janet Mechanic OD1 Award
Is offered to a first year student with a GPA of 3.0 or greater (on a 4.0 scale), and an OAT score of 300 or more.

The Edith and Erich Heymans Scholarship
Provides an award to a needy OD-3 student of high scholastic standing who exhibits integrity, dedication, and a high level of accuracy.

The Otto Hochstadt Scholarship
Awarded to a first year student with a remarkable GPA in the Bio-Science curriculum; shows financial need and is considered industrious.

The Dr. Hyman R. Kamens Scholarship
This award is given to a graduating fourth year student who has demonstrated leadership and commitment to serving others in the field of optometry. Students will be notified in the spring quarter to submit a brief essay why they believe they should receive this award.
The Klein Family Scholarship  
Awards a scholarship to a first year student with at least a 3.25 GPA and an OAT score of 300+, and who demonstrates financial need. Students apply using the College’s Scholarship application.

Monte N. Kofos Scholarship  
Awards two scholarships to student in the third and fourth years that have demonstrated academic achievement and financial need, and who has the potential to contribute to the optometric profession.

Jean M. Lank Memorial Scholarship  
The successful candidate is a first year student who is a nurse (RN or LPN) or an adult making a career change. In the fall, students are notified of the deadline to submit a letter of application indicating their career change: describe their former career and why they decided to change to optometry.

Dr. Joseph J. Levitan Prize  
Is offered to a graduating student who has demonstrated excellence in the doctor/patient relationship. Academic performance is not considered, but candidates must be in good academic standing with acceptable grades.

Wallace F. Molinari Scholarship Award  
This scholarship is given to a first year student who has a GPA of 3.5 or better, has extraordinary financial need, has proven academic and leadership achievement.

Foster Namias Scholarship  
Awarded to a student who shows financial need and is in the top 5% of the second or third year class.

The New England College of Optometry Award for Clinical Excellence  
Provides one award to a second year student in the four-year program who has demonstrated superior clinical competence.

Harry and Sara Pildes Scholarship  
Awarded to a student in the first year of the four-year program that has demonstrated academic achievement and financial need, and who has the potential for becoming an active and concerned member of the alumni body of the College and the optometric profession.

Charles Robert Soltes Memorial Scholarship  
This award is given to a student who demonstrates dedication to the College and to community service as did Rob Soltes, a graduate of the College, who died while serving in Iraq.

Robert A. Titlebaum, OD Clinical Proficiency Award  
Is awarded to a student who has demonstrated excellence in the doctor/patient relationship. Candidates must be in good academic standing.

Ned S. Witkin Leadership in Low Vision Award  
Awarded to a fourth year student with demonstrated service to NECO and/or the profession, interest in low vision, in the top 25% of the class, with financial need.