



MARCH 2009

March is "Save Your Vision" Month!!!

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How do I apply for a Disaster Relief Scholarship?

A. You are eligible if the area you live in has been hit hard by storms, flooding, etc. that have affected you personally, or if you have a special hardship case. Simply print a Continuing Education Scholarship application from the Foundation Web pages, explain how the situation has affected you, and submit application to the Foundation.

Q. How often may I apply for a Disaster Relief Scholarship?

A. One time only for each occurrence.

Q. How may the Disaster Relief Scholarship be used?

A. The funds may be used for annual or regional CE programs, certification examination fees, and continuing education credits using JCAHPO Refinements or audio/video presentations listed on the JCAHPO order form available at www.jcahpo.org.

2009 Virginia Boyce Service Award

The JCAHPO Education & Research Foundation was pleased to present the 2008 Virginia Boyce Service Award to Mr. Tim (Teotimo) Mendez as the 8th recipient of this award that honors Virginia, a life-long contributor to the improvement of eye care for more than 50 years.

Tim has two passions in life, which he expresses with enthusiasm and joy: ophthalmic education and a desire to

help the less fortunate receive the ophthalmic treatment they need.

Mr. Mendez has participated in numerous volunteer missions to help underprivileged patients in developing countries around the world. He helped establish volunteer programs in Mexico, and has been instrumental in training ophthalmic nurses, scrub techs, and residents on important eye care protocol in remote regions of the world.

Congratulations on this prestigious award, Tim, and for your dedicated voluntary public service contributions to the international eye community!

If YOU know an ophthalmic technician who has volunteered his or her time to improve the quality of vision and vision care, please visit the Foundation pages at www.jcahpo.org, for guidelines.

Thank You 2008 Contributors!

Calendar Year 1/1/2008 – 12/31/2008

- Alcon
- Allergan
- American Academy of Ophthalmology
- American Assoc. of Certified Orthoptists
- American Orthoptic Council
- American Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgery
- American Society of Ophthalmic Administrators
- Association of Technical Personnel in Ophthalmology
- Charles T. Campbell Charitable Foundation

- Delta Gamma Foundation
- Michigan Ophthalmic Personnel Society
- The Canadian Orthoptic Society
- The Vision Care Institute

The ophthalmic community, including ophthalmologists, allied health personnel, JCAHPO Commissioners, Staff, and Vendors

Visionary Society

Thank you to the 23 participants in 2008! Individuals need to contribute only \$500 by July 31 for recognition as a participant in the 2009 Visionary Society.

Federal Employees

Be sure to check with your employer, who may be willing to offer payroll deductions to the Combined Federal Campaign. JCAHPO is an unaffiliated international/national organization, #10889.

Since 2004, Combined Federal Campaigns have contributed more than \$4,500 to our Foundation. Thank you, Federal Employees!

2009 Scholarship Opportunities

Guidelines/Applications/Release Forms Available at www.jcahpo.org, Foundation pages

2009 Continuing Education Scholarships

**NEW VENUE!
NEW TITLES!**

Deadlines for receipt of scholarship applications in the Foundation office:

- Certification....April 24
- Stein Paper....June 27
- CE.....August 1
- ATPO CE.....August 1

Read about the 2008 scholarship winners at www.jcahpo.org on the Education and Research Foundation scholarship pages! You may also print out applications and guidelines for all five scholarships. Call 1(800) 284-3937, ext. 246, for information.

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Certification

Assists OMP wishing to advance in the field; up to \$300 to pay for a JCAHPO certification examination. Submit a short essay titled, "Why Certification is Important to Me."

ATPO Phil Weber Memorial Scholarships*

Two \$500 scholar-ships for attendance at the 2009 ATPO Scientific Session in San Francisco, CA. Submit short essay titled "How ATPO has Enhanced My Career."

Continuing Education (CE)*

Up to \$500 to attend the JCAHPO Annual CE Program in San Francisco, CA. Submit a short essay or **electronic format CD**. You may select any of the following three titles:

- Certification/A Stepping Stone to My Future
- Why I Would Choose Ophthalmic Medical Assisting as a Career Again
- Why Eye MDs Need Certified Ophthalmic Medical Personnel

Harold A. Stein, MD, Prize for Best Scientific Paper

\$1,500 cash prize, plus \$500 travel and lodging reimbursement for attendance at JCAHPO's 2009 ACE Program.

Disaster Relief

More than \$3500 was given in 2008 to nine individuals affected by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike, and needing assistance with certification fees and continuing education (no deadlines).

***Available for ophthalmic medical personnel who have not received scholarships since 2005 (exception: Certification, Hurricane & Disaster Relief Scholarships).**

The **Legacy Society** now has 13 members who have generously included JCAHPO in their estate plans through wills and as beneficiaries of IRAs, CDs, royalties, and life insurance. Talk to your financial advisor or legal counsel about the options available that allow you to give more than you thought possible.

The Foundation office has many brochures available, including "37 Things People 'Know' About Wills That Aren't Really So", and "An Estate Planning Quiz."

Planned Giving

Call (800) 284-3937, ext. 246, or e-mail carol@jcahpo.org for additional information.

Did You Know...?

.....If you don't have a will, the state **does**---with strict laws directing what will happen to your property and assets. The closest relatives will receive equal shares after expenses are paid to the state to search for heirs, post bonds, etc. Charitable interests are not included in this search. If there are no legal heirs, your assets become property of the state and are sold at auction. Make sure **YOU** are making the decisions about **YOUR** assets---not the state!