

Wisconsin Optometric Association Awards Young OD of the Year Nominations

Requirements

1. Nominee must be in active practice less than ten years.
2. Nominee must be a current WOA member.
3. Submit requested information via email to joleen@woa-eyes.org by Friday August 28, 2026 with "Young OD of the Year Nomination" in the subject line.

Information Needed

1. A nomination, not to exceed 2000 words, that concisely lists accomplishments by the nominee in the criteria areas listed below. Submit in Microsoft Word format as an attachment via email.
2. Head and shoulders photograph in .jpeg format as an attachment via email.

Criteria for Selection

I. Service to Optometry

- a. Leadership roles in local optometric society, state association, or the AOA.
- b. Major accomplishments from the above-listed roles.
- c. Initiating and/or implementing any unique plan, program, or action on behalf of optometry.
- d. Publication of any professional articles or research findings.
- e. Fostered interest in optometry as a career among potential students.

II. Service to the Visual Welfare of the Public

- a. Has the nominee worked with any sight-saving groups or charities dedicated to the visual welfare of the public?
- b. Participation in any solo public-service efforts to heighten the community's awareness of eye health and visual welfare?
- c. Participation in governmental programs to bring eye care services/information to the general public or to disadvantaged groups?
- d. Service on political committees, or actively supported any legislative efforts to advance the public's visual welfare?

III. Public Service

Briefly describe any exemplary public service by the nominee performed to benefit his or her community. These efforts need not be limited to those that are eye or vision-care related. Include offices held, awards won, honors bestowed, or any other significant accomplishments. Consider each of the following areas: political service, public health or military service, work in education, leadership in community groups/projects, participation in charitable causes and institutions, or community service provided through involvement with religious groups or institutions.