

WHAT IS ORA ALL ABOUT?

The Optometric Recognition Award is designed to recognize and stimulate doctors of optometry in their continuing education efforts with the objectives of maintaining and improving the quality of optometric care.

The initial award requirements are the satisfactory completion of 150 credit hours of continuing education over the three consecutive year period prior to the award year. However, the award requirements may be completed in less time. Transcript quality courses offered by an accredited institution of higher learning will be given double credit hours for ORA purposes upon successful completion of the course and exam. Verification from the provider is required.

The enrollment fee is \$40 to cover direct costs for the ORA Award Certificate and office procedures.

Five categories, designed to cover a variety of learning experiences, are approved for the Award.

CATEGORY 1 requires a minimum of 90 hours for courses taken from AOA Approved Providers. All 150 hours may be taken in Category 1.

CATEGORY 2 is for courses taken from non-approved providers (that is, not on the AOA list of Approved Providers), and has a maximum limit of 30 hours for the three years.

CATEGORY 3 is for optometric formal and informal teaching; limit – 30 hours.

CATEGORY 4 is for writing and presenting papers, publications, books and lectures; limit – 25 hours.

CATEGORY 5 is for non-supervised individual optometric continuing education; limit – 25 hours.

All enrollees will receive a record-keeping form that is easy to use in logging their hours.

When 150 or more hours have been accumulated and all requirements met, upon submitting the Award Request Form, you will receive an ORA Award Certificate, suitable for display. A Recognition Ceremony is held annually at Optometry's Meeting™ House of Delegates.

All qualifiers may continue in the program on a year-to-year basis for \$20 each year.

Participation in the ORA program will help you in meeting the challenge of the growing need to provide quality vision care for your patients.

To enroll, just complete the application below and mail it with your check today!

OPTOMETRIC RECOGNITION AWARD PROGRAM APPLICATION

Please enter my registration for the Optometric Recognition Award. Enclosed is my non-refundable check for \$40 payable to the American Optometric Association (designate check "ORA"). Send to American Optometric Association, c/o ORA, 243 North Lindbergh Blvd., Floor 1, St. Louis, MO 63141.

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Name _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Payments to AOA are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income Tax purposes, but may be deductible under other provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.)