



Request to Attend AOA on Capitol Hill 2025

Dear Decision Maker,

The American Optometric Association (AOA) invites optometry's advocates to Washington, D.C., for **AOA on Capitol Hill, Sept. 28-30, 2025**, to champion the profession's key priorities directly to our nation's leaders.

AOA on Capitol Hill is the most pivotal federal advocacy opportunity for optometry in the United States with hundreds of doctors and optometry students advocating directly with Members of Congress and their staffs about the importance of optometric eye health and vision care for our patients. The advocacy work occurring at AOA on Capitol Hill is not only vital to advancing our profession but also ensuring the future of our profession. **It is for this reason we write to ask your support for student attendance from your institution at AOA on Capitol Hill 2025.**

Optometry students will gain the following by attending AOA on Capitol Hill:

- Direct experience with grassroots advocacy led by seasoned doctors of optometry and affiliate staff who can provide mentoring guidance;
- In-depth knowledge of the current policy issues affecting optometry today through plenary sessions and briefings with optometry's advocates;
- Confidence taking a stand for optometric eye health and vision care, as well as the benefit of getting involved and engaged early in their career as a future leader in optometry; and,
- An opportunity, in close coordination with affiliate leaders, to participate in meetings with Members of Congress and their staff.

The AOA asks that you consider helping alleviate the student burden of make-up days, the scheduling of exams and other school conflicts. We can provide a list of student participants from your institution if that would be of assistance.

Should you have any questions, please reach out to AOSA Executive Director Jennifer Frawley, CAE (JAFrawley@aoa.org). Thank you in advance for considering this important request.

Sincerely,

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President, AOSA



Jacquie M. Bowen, O.D.
Incoming President, AOA

