



AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

American Optometric Association Annual Award Recipients—Master List

Apollo Award recipients

(Prior to 1961 the award was known as "Distinguished Service Award")

- 1957 Mrs. Agnes Beaton, Automotive Safety Foundation
- 1958 Titmus Optical Company
President Dwight D. Eisenhower
- 1959 Dr. Darell Boyd Harmon
Better Light, Better Sight Bureau, New York
Olin E. Teague
- 1960 Arnold Gesell
Ben Massell
- 1961 Alexander M. Skeffington, O.D.
George D. Spache, Ph.D.
WOI-TV, Ames Iowa
- 1962 Emmett A. Betts, Ph.D.
R. Stuart MacKay, Ph.D.
Optometric Center of New York City
- 1963 Lois B. Bing, O.D.
William Greenspon, O.D.
Elbert Hugunin
Helen M. Robinson, Ph.D.
- 1964 Glenn A. Fry, Ph.D.
Peter J. Salmon
U. S. Senator H. A. Williams
- 1965 Nathan Edward Acree
Better Vision Institute
H. Ward Ewalt, Jr., O.D.
Good Housekeeping Magazine
Optical Manufacturers Association
- 1966 Howard J. Brown, M.D.
George H. Giles, O.B.E. (posthumously)
John C. Neill, O.D.
Col. John W. Sheridan, MSC, U.S.A.
- 1967 Gerald N. Getman, O.D.
Emanuel C. Nurock, O.D.
Harold W. Oyster, O.D.
Winter Haven Lions Research Foundation
- 1968 Irvin M. Borish, O.D.
Robert S. Bray
- 1969 William C. Ezell, O.D.
Hernando Henao, R., O.D., Bogota
- 1970 Samuel Howard Bartley, Ph.D.
United States Jaycees
Helen W. Worden
- 1971 Merrill J. Allen, O.D., Ph.D.
Anna Berliner, Ph.D.

Apollo Award recipients, cont.

1972 Carel C. Koch, O.D.
Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation

1973 Henry W. Hofstetter, O.D., Ph.D.
Luci Johnson Nugent

1974 Lions International

1975 Meredith W. Morgan, O.D., Ph.D.

1976 Ernest B. Alexander, O.D.

1977 Auxiliary to the American Optometric
Association

1978 National 4-H Council / 4-H Program

1979 Louis Jaques, Sr., O.D.
Natalie Carter Barraga, Ed.D.

1980 Francis A. Young, Ph.D.

1981 *Reader's Digest* large-type edition

1982 Veterans Administration's VICTORS program

1983 Cazamer Loyd Crouch, P.E.

1984 55 Alive/ Mature Driving - AARP

1985 no recipient

1986 Henrik L. Blum, M.D., M.P.H.

1987 Robert Beeten

1988 Salvation Army - USA

1989 Literacy Volunteers of America
Albuquerque Mayor's Commission on Adult Literacy
New Mexico Coalition for Literacy

1990 no recipient

1991 American Public Health Association

1992 Adolph Coors Foundation

1993 no recipient

1994 Descriptive Video Service / WGBH

1995 Optical Laboratories Association

1996 General Motors Corporation

1997 John Jay Moores, founder,
River Blindness Foundation

1998 Special Olympics International
Mrs. Eunice Kennedy Shriver

1999 no recipient

2000 American Foundation for the Blind

2001 Carl Kupfer, M.D., National Eye Institute

2002 Gov. Paul E. Patton, State of Kentucky

2003 no recipient

2004 U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski, Maryland

2005 former U.S. President, Jimmy Carter

2006 no recipient

2007 Pierre Le Falher

2008 James Kesteloot, Chicago Lighthouse

2009 no recipient

2010 Tom Sullivan

2011 no recipient

2012 no recipient

2013 The Honorable Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA)

2014 Bernard Maitenaz

2015 NewView Oklahoma

Apollo Award recipients, cont.

2016 no recipient
2017 no recipient
2018 no recipient
2019 The Realeyes Program, Ohio Optometric Association
2020 no recipient
2021 no recipient

AOA Distinguished Service Award recipients

1981	Henry B. Peters, O.D.	Birmingham, AL
1982	James R. Gregg, O.D.	Anaheim, CA
1983	Edward Goodlaw, O.D.	Los Angeles, CA
1984	Homer Hendrickson, O.D.	San Gabriel, CA
1985	Milton Eger, O.D.	Deerfield Beach, FL
1986	Morton D. Sarver, O.D. (posthumously)	Oakland, CA
1987	Alden N. Haffner, O.D.	Albany, NY
1988	Ronald D. Solomon, O.D.	Colorado Springs, CO
1989	Irvin Borish, O.D.	Deerfield Beach, FL
1990	U.S. Rep. Robert Whittaker, O.D.	Augusta, KS
1991	Henry W Hofstetter, O.D.	Bloomington, IN
1992	William R. Baldwin, O.D.	Wilbraham, MA
1993	Richard L. Hopping, O.D.	Fullerton, CA
1994	Melvin D. Wolfberg, O.D.	Port St. Lucie, FL
1995	Alfred A. Rosenbloom, O.D.	Chicago, IL
1996	Irving Bennett, O.D.	Beaver Falls, PA
1997	W. David Sullins, Jr., O.D.	Athens, TN
1998	David S. Crist, O.D.	Denver, CO
1999	Robert A. Koetting, O.D.	St. Louis, MO
2000	Ron G. Fair, O.D.	Brighton, CO
2001	Kenji Hamada, O.D.	Grants Pass, OR
2002	Jerald F. Combs, O.D.	Prestonsburg, KY
2003	John F. Amos, O.D.	Birmingham, AL
2004	none	
2005	Don Williamson, O.D.	Cape Coral, FL
2006	Jerald Strickland, O.D.	Houston, TX
2007	Lesley L. Walls, M.D., O.D.	Fullerton, CA
2008	Arol Augsburger, O.D.	Chicago, IL
2009	Mike Jones, O.D.	Englewood, TN
2010	James Sanderfur, O.D.	Oakdale, LA
2011	Brian Klinger, O.D.	Rye, NH
2012	Rear Adm. Michael H. Mittelman, O.D.	Washington, DC
2013	Thomas Lewis, O.D.	Elkins Park, PA
2014	Paul Ajamian, O.D.	Atlanta, GA
2015	Lee Carr, O.D.	Tahlequah, OK
2016	Roger Seelye, O.D.	Owosso, MI
2017	Dale Heaston, O.D.	Richland, WA
2018	Joseph Mallinger, O.D.	Escondido, CA
2019	Mark Hennen, O.D.	West St. Paul, MN
2020	Roger Jordan, O.D.	Gillette, WY
2021	Michelle Welch, O.D.	Idabel, OK
2022	Capt. Dawn Clary, O.D.	Phoenix, AZ

Optometrist of the Year

1967	Otto J. Bebbler, O.D.	Lakewood, CO
1968	Arthur Dorman, O.D.	Silver Spring, MD
1969	John Davis, Jr., O.D.	Topeka, KS
1970	Henry Lloyd Schumacher, O.D.	Vancouver, WA
1971	D. B. Fast, O.D.	Marinette, WI
1972	Marvin Poston, O.D.	Oakland, CA
1973	Irving Bennett, O.D.	Beaver Falls, PA
1974	John D. Costabile, O.D.	Wilson, NC
1975	Lester Caplan, O.D.	Baltimore, MD
1976	Charles I. Hughes, O.D.	Fort Smith, AR
1977	Richard W. Spencer, O.D.	Porterville, CA
1978	James A. Boucher, O.D.	Laramie, WY
1979	S. Thomas Scarborough, O.D.	Charleston, SC
1980	Costos C. Poulous, O.D.	Plainville, CT
1981	V. Eugene McCrary, O.D.	College Park, MD
1982	Glenn W. Robeson, O.D.	Huron, SD
1983	Israel Dvorine, O.D.	Baltimore, MD
1984	R. Lewis Scott, O.D.	Hartford City, IN
1985	James C. Leadingham, O.D.	Ashland, KY
1986	Arol Augsburg, O.D.	Worthington, OH
1987	William D. Pittman, O.D.	Mexia, TX
1988	Richard L. Hopping, O.D.	Fullerton, CA
1989	George E. Foster, O.D.	Bristow, OK
1990	Dean Lauritzen, O.D.	West Point, NE
1991	Wayne Cannon, O.D.	Columbia, SC
1992	Ronald Detwiler, O.D.	East Liverpool, OH
1993	Bert C. Corwin, O.D.	Rapid City, SD
1994	John F. Amos, O.D.	Birmingham, AL
1995	Kerry L. Beebe, O.D.	Brainerd, MN
1996	Don E. Williamson, O.D.	Cape Coral, FL
1997	Linda Casser, O.D.	Indianapolis, IN
1998	Satya B. Verma, O.D.	West Chester, PA
1999	Richard Windsor, O.D.	Hartford City, IN
2000	Randolph E. Fincher, O.D.	Aurora, CO
2001	Beverly B. Miller, O.D.	Brookeville, MD
2002	Steven A. Levin, O.D.	Munster, IN
2003	William D. Vietti, O.D.	Chanute, KS
2004	John Coble, O.D.	Greenville, TX
2005	Thomas Annunziato, O.D.	Aledo, TX
2006	Robert Layman, O.D.	Toledo, OH
2007	Edwin C. Marshall, O.D.	Bloomington, IN
2008	Linda D. Johnson, O.D.	Jackson, MS
2009	Deanna Alexander, O.D.	Fort Collins, CO
2010	Randall Reichle, O.D.	Houston, TX
2011	John Boozman, O.D.	Rogers, AR
2012	Melvin D. Shipp, O.D., DrPH, MPH	Columbus, OH
2013	Neil Draisin, O.D.	Charleston, SC
2014	Peter Agnone, O.D.	Grand Blanc, MI
2015	David R. Heitmeier, O.D.	New Orleans, LA
2016	Fred Farias, O.D.	McAllen, TX
2017	Paul Barney, O.D.	Anchorage, AK
2018	David Redman, O.D.	San Jose, CA

Paraoptometric of the Year, cont.

2019	Benjamin Casella, O.D.	Augusta, GA
2020	Kenneth Lawson, O.D.	Bradenton, FL
2021	Belinda Starkey, O.D.	Rogers, AR
2022	Jeffrey Michaels, O.D.	Sandy Hook, VA

Young Optometrist of the Year (Established 1994)

1995	Eric M. White, O.D.	San Diego, CA
1996	David B. Seibel, O.D.	St. Louis, MO
1997	Carol L. Brown, O.D.	Toledo, OH
1998	Andrew S. Gurwood, O.D.	Philadelphia, PA
1999	Amy R. Lay, O.D.	Westerville, OH
2000	Vincent W. Brandys, O.D.	Elgin, IL
2001	Michael J. Cymbor, O.D.	State College, PA
2002	William G. Lay, O.D.	Westerville, OH
2003	Dorothy Hitchmoth, O.D.	New London, NH
2004	Sandra L. Bury, O.D.	Oak Lawn, IL
2005	Kristine Miekko Eng, O.D.	Orinda, CA
2006	Barbara Horn, O.D.	Washington, MI
2007	Steve Nguyen, O.D.	Dallas, TX
2008	Elizabeth Draper Muckley, O.D.	Uniontown, OH
2009	Lillian Thorp Kalaczinski, O.D.	Grand Rapids, MI
2010	Sarah Marossy Hemmingson, O.D.	Coeur D'Alene, ID
2011	Laura Windsor, O.D.	Hartford City, IN
2012	Chris Wroten, O.D.	Denham Springs, LA
2013	Sandra Fortenberry, O.D.	San Antonio, TX
2014	M. Rob Pate, O.D.	Hoover, AL
2015	Tamara Petrosyan, O.D.	Jersey City, NJ
2016	Christopher Wolfe, O.D.	Omaha, NE
2017	Angelique Sawyer, O.D.	North Conway, NH
2018	Matthew Jones, O.D.	Blytheville, AR
2019	Jennifer Kohn, O.D.	Lowell, IN
2020	Roya Attar, O.D.	Madison, MS
2021	Erick Henderson, O.D.	Pittsburgh, PA
2022	Saysha Blazier, O.D.	Staten Island, NY

Optometric Educator of the Year (Established 2012)

2012	Tony Carnevali, O.D.	Southern California College of Optometry
2013	Michael Earley, O.D., Ph.D.	The Ohio State University
2014	Gilbert E. Pierce, O.D., Ph.D.	The Ohio State University
2015	Tammy Than, O.D.	University of Alabama-Birmingham
2016	Jacqueline Davis, O.D.	The Ohio State University
2017	Elizabeth Steele, O.D.	University of Alabama-Birmingham
2018	Mark Swanson, O.D.	University of Alabama-Birmingham
2019	Zanna Kruoch, O.D.	University of Houston
2020	Caroline B. Pate, O.D.	University of Alabama-Birmingham
2021	Lillian Kalaczinski, O.D.	Ferris State Univ. Michigan College of Optometry
2022	Andrew Kemp, O.D.	University of Houston College of Optometry

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1980 Janet McMahon, (CA)
[1st recipient]
1981 Shirley Hughes (MI)
1982 Ruth Zauri (CA)
1983 Anne Bultman (SC)
1984 Patricia Catoe (SC)
1985 Theda Amundsen (PA)
1986 Ann Bremer (LA)
1987 Audrey Bartal (OH)
1988 Sandra L. Penney (WI)
1989 Jackie Keller (WA)
1990 Lori Jean Helgeson (FL)
1991 Larry Medlock (AR) [1st male recipient]
1992 Kathryn J. Wood (OK)
1993 Amy A. Endo (HI)
1994 Susan M. Leidel (WI)
1995 Tamara Franklin (NE)
1996 Diane Lehtinen (IA)
1997 Jill Luebbert (NE)
1998 Carol Schartner (PA)
1999 Mary Dunn (NH)
2000 Jan Harmsen (WI)
2001 Billie Taylor (VA)
2002 Elaine Bowers (CO)
2003 Sue McAteer (VA)
2004 Cathy Trejo (CO)
2005 Lynn Lawrence (FL)
2006 Mary Jameson (PA)
2007 Susan Henry (VA)
2008 Beverly Roberts (MS)
2009 Dianna Sweet (MI)
2010 Lynn Konkel (WI)
2011 Shoni Sharp (MI)
2012 Vera Kohler, CPOA (PA)
2013 Amy Godeaux, CPOT (LA)
2014 Roberta Beers, CPOT (PA)
2015 Marilyn Beeson, CPOA (MS)
2016 Evelyn Denise Lott, CPOA (MS)
2017 Sally Greeley, CPOT (ME)
2018 Carol Lovell, CPOT, CPOC (WY)
2019 Melanie Jenkins, CPO (TN)
2020 Janet Millis, CPOT (IL)
2021 George Ballato, CPOA (MN)
2022 Loretta Eriks, CPOT (IN)