



American Optometric Student Association

Subject: Request to Attend Optometry's Meeting® / AOA+ — June 17–20, 2026

Dear [Supervisor/Program Director's Name],

I am writing to request approval to attend Optometry's Meeting® 2026, hosted by the American Optometric Association (AOA) and the American Optometric Student Association (AOSA), taking place June 17–20, 2026, in Phoenix.

As you know, Optometry's Meeting is the AOSA's annual meeting, and student attendance and participation are critical for students to broaden their horizons, learn from the leaders in the profession and more.

As an optometry [student / resident], this conference provides a unique opportunity to deepen my clinical knowledge, strengthen my professional network, and gain exposure to emerging technologies and advancements that directly support my growth and future contributions to our program/clinic. Optometry's Meeting is the premier national event for the profession, bringing together doctors, students, residents, educators and industry innovators.

Key benefits of my participation, include:

- **High-quality clinical and professional education:** I will have access to AOA and COPE-approved continuing education relevant to evidence-based patient care, specialty interests and areas I am developing during my training. These sessions will help me bring new insights and updated best practices back to our clinic and team.
- **Networking and mentorship opportunities:** I will be able to connect with national leaders in optometry, residency supervisors, specialty practitioners and industry partners. These interactions can strengthen professional pathways, support my ongoing clinical development and help me better understand the broader landscape of optometric practice and innovation.
- **Engagement with AOSA and AOA leadership:** As part of the event, students and residents can directly interact with organizational leaders, committees and advocates who shape the future of the profession. This will help me stay informed,

become a stronger contributor to optometry, and bring back useful resources and perspectives that benefit my peers and the clinic.

Attending Optometry's Meeting will support my development as an emerging doctor of optometry and enhance the skills and perspective I bring back to our [program / clinic / school]. I am committed to sharing key takeaways, clinical pearls and relevant updates with our team upon my return.

Thank you for considering my request. I am happy to provide additional details or discuss how this experience can align with our educational or clinical goals. I appreciate your support and hope to participate in Optometry's Meeting this June.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Optometry Student / Resident Optometrist]

[Institution / Clinic]