Model Nomination
AOA YOUNG OPTOMETRIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

I. SERVICE TO OPTOMETRY

John P. Doe, O.D., the State Optometric Association’s (year) nomination for the AOA Young Optometrist of the Year Award, has evidenced his commitment to organized optometry through the following accomplishments:

- Dr. Doe has been an officer in the Smith County Optometric Society since (year). In (year), during his presidency, Dr. Doe organized the first annual Optometric Forum, a one day practice management seminar open to all society members.
- In (year), Dr. Doe served as chair of the membership recruitment committee for the State Optometric Association. Dr. Doe’s recruitment campaign boosted membership in the state association by five percent.
- Dr. Doe has published one clinical paper, “Healing of Eye Trauma in the Patient with Ocular Hypertension,” in Optometry: Journal of the American Optometric Association, (date), and has written two article on practice management topics: “Easy Patient Recall for the Busy Optometric Practice,” published in the “Practice Strategies” section of Optometry (date) and “Remodeling 101” published in Optometric and Vision Science.
- Dr. Doe has fostered interest in the profession by inviting eighth grade classes from Smith County Middle School to tour his office during Career Week in (dates). He also served as a mentor for new graduates from State University School of Optometry in (dates).

II. SERVICE TO THE VISUAL WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC

Throughout Dr. Doe’s career, he has made a consistent effort to share both eye care services and information with the public.

- Dr. Doe is President-Elect of the Smith County Lions Club and has participated in semi-annual fund-raising drives to aid the blind and visually impaired since (date).
- Dr. Doe is an avid public speaker on the topic of eye health. In the past five years, Dr. Doe has made over 50 presentations on various eye care topics to local audiences, including older adults at the Smith County Community Center, school children at local elementary and high schools, parents and teachers at various Smith County PTAs, and young athletes at the Smith County YMCA.
- For the last four years, Dr. Doe has provided consultation to the State Department of Corrections on the eye health and vision care needs of 165 prisoners in the Smith County Correctional Facility.
- Since (year), Dr. Doe has provided free eye examinations to patients referred to him through the national VISION USA effort. For the past three years, he has also provided free eye care to patients referred to him by Smith County Children’s Charities.
- Dr. Doe is a regular contributor to the weekly Smith County Times newspaper and the monthly Smith County Today magazine; in the past seven years, eight of his articles on eye and vision care have been published in these two periodicals.
- In (year), Dr. Doe testified before his State legislature in support of mandatory eye examinations for children, prior to entering grade school.
- Dr. Doe was appointed by the mayor to serve on the Smith County Police Improvement Project in (year). As a committee member, Dr. Doe developed eye health and vision protection recommendations for 50 police officers and 10-point plan for improving police vehicle visibility.
III. PUBLIC SERVICE

After graduation in (year) from the State University School of Optometry, Dr. Doe spent two years as a partner in private practice before beginning his solo practice with an emphasis on contact lens care. In addition to his outstanding professional accomplishments, Dr. Doe has also made significant contributions to his community:

- Dr. Doe has been a member of the Smith County Chamber of Commerce since (year) and served as Chair of its Professional Practices Committee (dates).
- Dr. Doe served in the U.S. Army Reserves (dates).
- Dr. Doe served on the youth programming committee of the Smith County YMCA (dates).
- Dr. Doe has been a Thanksgiving Day volunteer for the past three years at the Smith County Food Pantry which serves holiday dinners to low income families. In (date), he also chaired the holiday can goods drive for the Smith County Ecumenical Society.