

Optometry Scholarship-Loan Program Contact Information

The North Carolina Optometry Scholarship-Loan Program (OSL) provides financial support for North Carolinians studying at one of three participating optometry schools located in other states: Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO), Southern College of Optometry (SCO) and the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB.)

The program replaces the Contract Programs for Dentistry, Medicine and Optometry for new optometry students, and is now offered as a scholarship loan program to recipients. Recipients are required to repay the awards by working as licensed optometrists in North Carolina following graduation; a year of service is required for each year funds are received. Students who do not repay through service are obligated to repay in cash at an annual interest rate of 10%.

For PCO and SCO, students will receive \$13,100 for the 2008-09 academic year. For students attending UAB, the tuition is reduced to the in-state rate for Alabama residents.

For contact information, full program details and to apply for the program, please visit www.CFNC.org/optometry or call College Foundation of North Carolina, toll-free, at 866-866-CFNC.