

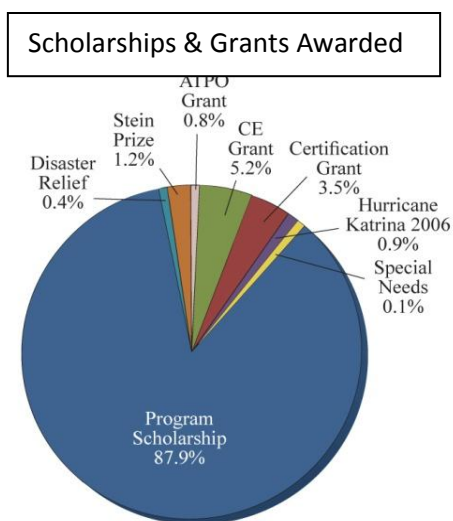
“Foundation Facts”

The Education and Research Foundation Mission

The mission of the Education and Research Foundation (ERF) is to expand and strengthen the delivery of eye care throughout the world. Through dedicated research and education initiatives in the field of ophthalmic care, the Foundation is able to empower individuals to provide exceptional eye care to those in need. ERF is dedicated to expanding and strengthening the delivery of eye care by supporting the mission of the Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO®) to enhance the quality and availability of ophthalmic patient care by encouraging the recruitment, training and use of competent allied health personnel world-wide.

ERF Providing Scholarships

Since 1991, the Foundation has awarded **\$743,490** in **890** scholarships and grants to students in training programs; continuing education (CE) scholarships to attend JCAHPO or ATPO sponsored CE programs; and certification scholarships to assist with examination fees for those wishing to enter or advance in the field.



2013 Virginia Boyce Humanitarian Award

Since 2001, 11 OMTs have been honored with the Virginia Boyce award for their volunteer service to improve the quality of eye care.

Do you know a clinical OMT (preferably certified) who has volunteered time to improve the quality of eye care?

PLEASE NOMINATE THEM for the Virginia Boyce Humanitarian Award. Go to www.jcahpo.org to view the guidelines.

Call To Action

We ask that you please consider how you may support ERF in expanding and strengthening the delivery of eye care. The following is our “wish list.”

1. **Talk about the good** the Foundation does in promoting excellence in eye care.
2. Consider an item(s) you may be willing to **donate to our upcoming silent auction**.
 - We are preparing to launch the General Fund Campaign in 2013. We will begin the campaign at the JCAHPO Annual Continuing Education program (ACE) in New Orleans, November 15-18, 2013. In efforts to raise funds for the General Fund Campaign, we will be hosting a silent auction at ACE. If you have an item(s) you would like to donate for the auction please notify Stacey Brown at sbrown@jcahpo.org.
3. **Make a donation** to the Foundation. To donate go to: http://givemn.razoo.com/story/Jcahpo-Education-And-Research-Foun-Dation?referral_code=share

4. **Consider who you know in the eye care field** that may be able to help support the mission of the Foundation. **Ask them to become involved.**
5. **Get involved!** The Foundation is here to support all individuals vested in promoting eye care excellence.
6. Please go to <http://www.icaipo.org/foundation/scholarships/> to **view all scholarship and grant applications and information.**