

# Michelle P. Herrin Scholarship Fund Guidelines & Application

## General Information

Michelle P. Herrin, COMT, has been in ophthalmology since 1974. She was trained as a technician and orthoptist at the University of Florida. She currently volunteers at the Florida Lions Eye Clinic in Bonita Springs seeing children. This scholarship for the 2026 IJCAHPO EYEXchange Florida Program has been established in memory of her son, Michael. She enjoys attending this program and wants to give others the opportunity to attend and enjoy it, as well as give them the ability to obtain their continuing education while improving their career.

A limited number of scholarships are available to attend IJCAHPO's EYEXchange Florida Program held in conjunction with the Florida Society of Ophthalmology (FSO) Meeting June 5-7, 2026. This scholarship will include the one day registration fee and a one night stay at a hotel. The registrant will be responsible for their own transportation to the meeting and food.

The scholarship will be awarded as a voucher. This voucher is only valid for the 2026 IJCAHPO EYEXchange Florida Program and cannot be used for any other meeting.

## Important Information

Selection of recipients is accomplished by a Foundation Selection Committee. As soon as a determination has been made, we will notify you of your status.

The Board of Directors of the JCAHPO Education & Research Foundation has full discretion concerning the recipient's award and their decision is final.

The applicant's age, sex, religion, and race shall not be considered.

The cooperation of recipients shall be expected in facilitating the publication of a news release and/or article in a newsletter.

Where applicable, Candidates may be selected based on a contributor or benefactor's restriction of a gift to a particular geographical location or area of interest.

Applications must be completed and signed, including all required information as requested on the application. By signing the application, the applicant gives the Selection Committee permission to investigate and verify all information provided and agrees to provide such information as the committee may request in order to properly evaluate the application for funding.

All applicants will be informed of status of application via e-mail.

## Specific Information for the Michelle P. Herrin Scholarship Fund

**Herrin Scholarship Fund:** The Scholarship will be awarded as a voucher towards:

1. Registration for the 2026 IJCAHPO EYEXchange Florida Program (1 day)
2. A one night stay at the FSO approved hotel
3. Recipients MUST attend the program

### Eligibility:

1. Must be a Florida resident.
2. Must have become NEWLY certified during the following time period: January 2025–April 2026.
3. Can be first certification or a higher level, but the certification must be COA, COT, COMT, or OSA.

## All Applicants Must Provide

1. Proof of certification achieved with the date.
2. Brief answer to these questions (150 words in total):
  - What is your favorite area of ophthalmology?
  - Do you plan to achieve the next level of certification?
  - Where do you see yourself in 3 years?

Applications must be postmarked by the deadline date of May 5, 2026.

A person may receive only one (1) JCAHPO grant in any given year and are not eligible to apply if they have received a grant from the JCAHPO Education and Research Foundation, within a three (3) full year cycle (PLEASE NOTE: This includes IJCAHPO CE and Stein Scientific Paper).

FUND	AMOUNT: \$	APPROVED: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	DATE
VOUCHER TYPE	AMOUNT: \$	VOUCHER #	
	TOTAL: \$		

## Michelle P. Herrin Scholarship Fund Application

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Employer Address	City	State/Province	
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Position	Start Date	Supervisor	
<input type="checkbox"/> Michelle P. Herrin Scholarship Fund *Applications accepted until May 5, 2026 1. What is your favorite area of ophthalmology? 2. Do you plan to achieve the next level of certification? 3. Where do you see yourself in 3 years?			CHECKLIST: <input type="checkbox"/> Verify Eligibility <input type="checkbox"/> Application/Signature Page <input type="checkbox"/> Three Questions Answered

I attest that all information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that I have not received financial support from the JCAHPO Education and Research Foundation in the past three (3) years. (PLEASE NOTE: This includes IJCAHPO CE and Stein Scientific Paper).

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