



# NOMINATION FORM

## 2020 Young OD of the Year Award

A Young Optometrist is defined as those who have been in practice 10 years or less and have shown remarkable leadership skills within the community. Nominees should also show an outstanding service to optometry, service to the welfare of the public and have participated in public service activities as well as service to the CAO.

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of optometrist making this nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of nominating optometrist: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Please use additional pages if needed.  
**The deadline for submission is December 11, 2020**  
 Please mail or fax completed application to:  
 Connecticut Association of Optometrists  
 35 Cold Spring Road, Suite 211, Rocky Hill, CT 06067  
 Fax: (860) 529-4411– no cover sheet required

# Young OD of the Year Award Guidelines

A Young Optometrist is defined as those who have been in practice of 10 years or less, and who have showed remarkable leadership skills when serving their profession, patients and community. Below outlines some of the criteria in which the nominee should be evaluated.

## Service to Optometry:

- Initiated or implemented any unique plan or program benefiting Optometry.
- Published professional articles or research findings shared with colleagues.
- Promoted and fostered interest in the profession with potential students.

## Service to the Visual Welfare of the Public:

- Works with any sight saving groups such as VISION, USA, VOSH, Lions Clubs.
- Participates in any solo public service efforts, such as vision screenings, public speaking to heighten awareness of eye health.
- Works on legislative activities beneficial to the visual welfare of the public.
- Active in governmental health care or highway safety committee programs.
- Service on political committees or actively supported any legislative efforts to advance the public's visual welfare.

## Public Service:

- Political, public health, or military service.
- Work in education services including local school boards, alumni associations, scholarship foundations, and youth/sports groups.
- Leadership in community issues including, local businesses, civic organizations, service groups and disaster relief projects.
- Participation in charitable causes and institutions including board of directors or as a consultant.
- Community service through involvement with religious groups or institutions.

## Service to CAO and/or AOA

- Leadership roles in CAO or AOA, including any special assignments, committees or projects and their major achievements in the participation in these roles.
- Promotion of the association goals and programs.
- Activity in support of association projects.