

# UNIVERSITY OF PIKEVILLE

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## Optometric Scholars Program (OSP)

### Application

The University of Pikeville, in conjunction with the Kentucky College of Optometry (KYCO), presents a cooperative eight-year program (4+4) leading to a bachelor's degree (B.A./B.S.) and the degree Doctor of Optometry (O.D.).

Applications will be open to qualified high school seniors. Selected students who participate in the program, maintain the required undergraduate GPA, achieve the required score on the OAT, and exhibit appropriate ethical conduct are guaranteed admission to the optometry school upon completion of their bachelor's degree and pre-requisite requirements.

*Completed applications must be received by Friday, August 4, 2017.*

## ~ Application Procedure/Checklist ~

- Submit attached University of Pikeville Optometric Scholars Program (OSP) application for admission to the University of Pikeville Office of Undergraduate Admissions.
- Provide an official transcript and ACT/SAT scores.
- Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by October 1 following application deadline to determine federal, state and institutional aid. The University of Pikeville's Title IV Institution Code is 001980.
- Submit an autobiographical essay that discusses future plans and aspirations (500 words).
- Submit at least three letters of recommendation.
  - High school administration (*principal, assistant principal, guidance counselor*)
  - Science or math teacher
  - Physician (*preferred*) or non-family adult

## ~ Eligibility ~

OSP applicants must:

- Be applying as an incoming freshman (current high school senior)
- Have a minimum 1200 on two score SAT, 1760 on three score SAT or 26 ACT
- Be in the top 10 percent of graduating class or 3.50 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Be a resident of Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois or Missouri

## ~ Process ~

Applications must be received by August 4. Interviews will be conducted by the KYCO Admissions Committee the week of August 14. Up to 10 scholars will be selected each year. After completing the bachelor's degree program at the University of Pikeville, scholars will be automatically admitted to KYCO if they have maintained a 3.4 cumulative and science GPA in undergraduate work, completed and received a grade of "C" or better in all required prerequisites, score the minimum OAT requirement for the program at the time of the application cycle for KYCO, participate fully in program activities, and exhibit proper ethical and professional qualities and conduct.

*Additional notes:*

- It is envisioned that extracurricular programming will be developed specific to the OSP, e.g., participation in health-related community service activities, pre-optometry club activities, optometric "shadowing," select KYCO student activities, etc.
- Applications will be processed by the undergraduate admissions office.
- The Optometric Scholars Program (OSP) will not carry a monetary award, but OSP applicants will be eligible to pursue other scholarship opportunities.

*For additional information, please contact:*

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Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First Middle Initial Maiden Preferred Name*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Number & Street City State ZIP County*

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Citizen:  Yes  No Sex:  Male  Female

Ethnic Background:  Hispanic  White, Non-Hispanic  Black, Non-Hispanic  Asian or Pacific Islander  
 American Indian or Alaskan Native  Other

Marital status:  Married  Single  Divorced  Separated

Beginning:  Fall \_\_\_\_\_  Spring \_\_\_\_\_  Summer I \_\_\_\_\_  Summer II \_\_\_\_\_ Plan to live:  On-campus  Off-campus

High school attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation year: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT or SAT composite score: \_\_\_\_\_

High school grade-point average on 4.0 scale: \_\_\_\_\_ Class rank: \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_

School activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Clubs, sports, chorus, band: list instrument/s. Attach a separate sheet, if needed.)*

Full Name of Mother or Female Guardian *(With Title; i.e., Mrs., Ms., Dr., etc.)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student *(i.e. mother, grandmother)* \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Father or Male Guardian *(With Title; i.e., Mr., Dr., Rev., etc.)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student *(i.e. father, grandfather)* \_\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in dual credit course hours?  Yes  No Hours completed \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGES WHERE CREDIT HOURS COMPLETED	DATES ATTENDED

Please check your likely major or field of study (check at least one).

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES/PRE-MED REQUIREMENTS

Biology  Chemistry  Mathematics  Other *(please specify)* \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby make application for admission to the University of Pikeville under the terms and conditions set forth in the current catalog. Every statement here is correct to the best of my knowledge. I realize that misrepresentation of any statement will result in reconsideration for admission to the University of Pikeville. I have read the directions for completing this application and understand that I am responsible for presenting all required materials to:

**University of Pikeville**  
**Office of Admissions**  
147 Sycamore Street, Pikeville, KY 41501  
Phone: (606) 218-5251 Fax: (606) 218-5255  
wewantyou@upike.edu • www.upike.edu

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**TECHNICAL STANDARDS**

KYCO must maintain curriculum requirements deemed essential to the education of an optometrist. A candidate for the O.D. degree must have multiple abilities and skills, and be able to perform these standards in a reasonably independent manner. The functional guidelines in optometric education require that the candidate/student possess appropriate abilities in the following areas: 1) observation; 2) communication; 3) sensory and motor coordination; 4) intellectual conceptual, integrative and quantitative abilities; and 5) behavioral and social attributes. Each applicant must read the KYCO technical standards to ensure she/he has the ability to succeed in an optometric curriculum. The technical standards may be accessed at <http://www.optomcas.org/overview/asco-functional-guidelines>.

I CERTIFY I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AM ABLE TO MEET, WITH OR WITHOUT REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS, THE TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_