

# Attention Second Year Students!

## 2026 SILHOUETTE SCHOLARSHIP



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Foundation

## \$2,500 Student Scholarship

Silhouette is renowned for its minimalistic approach to eyewear design, prioritizing both innovation and environmental consciousness. Silhouette and The AOA Foundation will award a \$2,500 scholarship to the author of the essay that best meets the criteria outlined below.

The application link will open on [aoafoundation.org/our-programs/student-scholarships](https://aoafoundation.org/our-programs/student-scholarships) starting **Wednesday, September 10, 2025**. Please submit materials to the AOA Foundation by **Monday, November 3, 2025**. The winner will be announced in January 2026.

[aoafoundation.org/our-programs/student-scholarships](https://aoafoundation.org/our-programs/student-scholarships)

### To be considered for this scholarship, an applicant must:

- Be a second-year optometry student (class of 2028) in good membership standing with the American Optometric Student Association (AOSA) and the American Optometric Association (AOA).
- Be in good academic standing based on your school's criteria.
- Submit an essay, written in English, not to exceed 1,500 words on the following topic:

The Silhouette Group prioritizes sustainability in eyewear production and resource conservation. Their approach includes water conservation, in-house electricity generation, minimal material use, waste avoidance, and CO2-neutral eyewear production with offsetting, alongside various other eco-friendly initiatives. As a future doctor of optometry, how will you contribute to a more sustainable future in eye care?

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**2nd Year**



Student  
(class of 2028)

**1,500**



Maximum  
Word

**1-2026**



Winner  
Announced



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