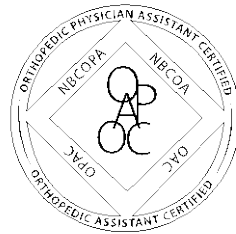


**MICHAEL BRADLEY BENTON
MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL
SCHOLARSHIP FUND
*2019 APPLICATION***



**NATIONAL BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF
ORTHOPAEDIC PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS/ NATIONAL BOARD FOR
CERTIFICATION OF ORTHOPAEDIC ASSISTANTS
(NBCOPA/NBCOA)**

MICHAEL BRADLEY BENTON MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Michael Bradley Benton Memorial Educational Scholarship Fund was created to assist students in completing their college education. The program is directed specifically to certified OPAs/OAs their spouses, children, or grandchildren.

The Michael Bradley Benton Memorial Educational Scholarship is sponsored by ASOA and the National Board for Certification of Orthopaedic Physician's Assistants/ National Board for Certification of Orthopaedic Assistants/ (NBCOPA/NBCOA) and is administered by the Michael Bradley Benton Memorial Educational Scholarship Fund Selection Committee (MBBMESFSC).

TERMS

The Michael Bradley Benton Memorial Educational Scholarship Fund Selection Committee will award a \$2,000 scholarship to a qualified student who is enrolled in a program leading to a bachelor's degree at an accredited college/university in the United States in the Fall of 2019. The \$2,000 award will be divided into two equal disbursements made before the beginning of the Fall 2019 semester and before the beginning of the Spring 2020 semester of the selected college/university. The scholarship award will be sent directly to the recipient's college/university and deposited in the recipient's name. The funds will be allocated toward the payment of tuition and academic fees and/or the purchase of required educational materials and books. The school will be custodian of the funds and will disburse the award consistent with the purpose of this scholarship.

Recipients are required to be enrolled as full time students and to maintain a cumulative college grade point average of at least a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent to be eligible for the second scholarship disbursement. After completion of the Fall 2019 semester, recipients must submit a copy of their grade report and proof of their full-time spring enrollment status to the MBBMESFSC to receive the Spring 2020 semester disbursement. Recipients will be eligible to re-apply for the scholarship for up to three years based on academic performance and regular application review process by the Selection Committee.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for a scholarship:

- OPA or OA certified by the NBCOPA/NBCOA or the spouse, child or grandchild
- Student pursuing full-time studies leading to a bachelor's degree at an accredited college/university in the US.
- Must be classified as a college student in the Fall 2019 semester at time of disbursement of the scholarship.
- Must have a college or high school grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent.
- Must be a US citizen or legal resident.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The following criteria are used to select the finalists:

- Academic performance
- Performance in previous high school or university levels
- Pursuing a bachelor's degree
- Written organization

- Extracurricular activities and community involvement
- Financial need

Finalists may be interviewed by telephone by members of the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship Application Deadline: June 30, 2019

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must submit the following by **June 30, 2019**:

1. Completed and signed application form
2. College or high school transcript
3. Letters of reference from two adults (at least one being a college or high school educator) emailed to Tammy Womack at Tammy.Womack@orthotennessee.com. Include a contact telephone number and email address for each reference.
4. Double spaced, typed personal statement of not more than 300 words describing the professional and career goals your studies are leading to, along with a brief description of financial need.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

TIME SCHEDULE

June 30, 2019	Deadline for turning in completed applications.
August 1, 2019	Scholarship recipient will be notified of the award.
August 12, 2019	First scholarship disbursement is sent to college/university or when required by the college/university.
January 5, 2018	Deadline for recipient to submit copy of their Fall 2019 grade report and proof of enrollment for Spring 2020 semester.
January 15, 2018	Second scholarship disbursement is sent to college/university or when required by the college/university.

Questions? Please contact Arlow Bailey, MBBMESFSC Director at 904-540-2317 or via email at Arlowb@aim.com

The Michael Bradley Benton Memorial Educational Scholarship Selection Committee is composed of NBCOPA/NBCOA certified individuals whom are chosen by the NBCOPA/NBCOA board, along with a certified educator as a consultant.

Benton Scholarship Application Continued

Please be sure to answer the below questions thoroughly. Also, attach a personal statement (double-spaced no more than 300 words) describing the professional and career goals your studies are leading to, along with a brief description of financial need.

1. What high school(s) did you attend, when did you graduate, and what was your class standing?
2. List all extra curricular activities, any offices held, and honors or awards you have received during your high school and/or college education.
3. Are you, at present, the recipient of any scholarships or the beneficiary of any other financial aid? If so, please specify.
4. Describe any employment (after school, summer, college co-op) you have had during the past two years.
5. Describe any community related activities in which you participated and your role in them.

I certify that all of the information included in this application is true and complete. I hereby grant permission to Michael Bradley Benton Memorial Scholarship Fund Selection Committee to verify such information and to contact the schools I have attended and the individuals whose names I have given as references. I hereby authorize the college or university listed below to provide my cumulative grade point average and enrollment status to MBBMSFSC for the purpose of verifying eligibility for the second part of the scholarship disbursement should I be selected as a MBBMSF Scholar.

Name of College/University or High School

Applicant Signature

Date

This scholarship is open to residents of the U.S. who are certified through the National Board for Certification of Orthopaedic Physician's Assistants/ National Board for Certification of Orthopaedic Assistants, their spouses, children and grandchildren.

Please check the items, which you should have enclosed with this application. Only those applicants who have submitted all the items listed below will be considered for a scholarship award. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- Completed and signed application form, to include personal questions and a personal statement (no more than 300 words) describing the professional and career goals your studies are leading to as covered on the previous page of requirements.
- College or high school transcript with proof of GPA forwarded to the Selection Committee for review.
- Letters of reference from two adults (at least one being an educator) addressed to Tammy Womack, emailed to Tammy.Womack@orthotennessee.com. Include a telephone number and email address for each reference.

Applications must be received by June 30, 2019. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Decisions of the Selection Committee are final.

Mail completed applications to:

Tammy Womack
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1422 Old Weisgarber Rd
Knoxville TN 37931
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