

TOG Business Enrichment Grant



Introduction

Industry trusted, The Optical Group (TOG) has been supporting Independent Canadian Eye Care Professionals for more than 30 years. Our Vision is to continue to provide Canadian Independent ECP's with exceptional customer service and support. We are constantly looking for new programs and partners to benefit our members, thus the introduction of the Business Enrichment Grant initiative. We are here to support our members and their businesses.

Purpose

This Business Enrichment Grant further strengthens our commitment to continue to support Independent Eye Care Professionals across Canada and aligns with our vision of supporting future Opticians.

Support

The Optical Group (TOG), in collaboration with the Opticians Association of Canada (OAC), is offering a three-year Business Enrichment Grant for one Independent Optician and one student in their employ.

This Grant will cover the four (4) semester Eyeglasses Program, the two (2) semester Contact Lens Program, and associated application fees, tuition fees and text books for one student employed by the Optician.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicant must be an Independent Optician
- Applicant must be a member of The Optical Group
- Applicant must employ a student who applies and is accepted (for the first time) into Year One of the [NAIT/OAC Optical Sciences Program](#) for the Fall 2020 intake. Student must be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada, and reside outside of the province of Alberta (therefore, designated a NAIT/OAC student applicant)

Application

Grant applicants are required to complete all sections of the application form. No other form will be considered. Applications must be submitted by the deadline to:

Ruth Priebe, Director of Operations

Email. Ruth@theopticalgroupcanada.com

Deadline

Applications must be received no later than **Thursday, August 13th, 2020.**

Grant

Grant recipient will be contacted and announced by Friday, August 14th, 2020.

Official Rules

GENERAL: By applying for this Business Enrichment Grant opportunity, applicants agree to abide by the Official Rules and the decisions of The Optical Group (TOG) and judges with respect to all aspects of the opportunity, which are final.

TOG and Opticians Association of Canada (OAC) accept no responsibility for loss, damage or claims caused by or resulting from applying for this Grant. By applying for this Grant opportunity, the winner consents to the use of his/her name (first and last), business and address (city and province/territory), and/or photograph, without further remuneration, in connection with any publicity carried out by or on behalf of the TOG or OAC with respect to this Grant opportunity.

TOG and OAC will not be responsible for late, lost, illegible, incomplete or destroyed entries; all such entries are void. TOG or OAC do not assume any responsibility for incorrect or inaccurate capture of entry information, technical malfunctions, human or technical error, printing errors, lost, delayed or garbled data or transmissions, omission, interruption, deletion, defect or failures of any telephone or computer lines or networks, computer equipment, software or any combination thereof. Entry material/data that have been tampered with or altered are void. The use of an invalid email address will disqualify the entry. Users spamming the same email address will disqualify the entry. The sole determinant of the time for the purposes of a valid entry in this Contest will be the @theopticalgroupcanada.com online service provider. In the event it is determined that an applicant has entered in a fashion not sanctioned by these rules and/or has submitted more than the number of entries permitted by these rules, the applicant will be disqualified and all entries submitted by the applicant will be disqualified.

All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation, and enforceability of the Official Rules, or the rights and obligations of applicants and TOG and the OAC in connection with the Grant Opportunity, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with (i) the laws of the Province of Ontario and the laws of Canada applicable therein in respect of residents of the other Canadian provinces/territories, without regard to

conflicts of law principles. Any attempt by a participant or any other individual to deliberately damage any website or undermine the legitimate operation of the Grant Opportunity, could be a violation of criminal and civil laws and, should such an attempt be made, TOG and the OAC reserves the right to seek damages from any such person to the fullest extent permitted by law.

TOG and the OAC reserve the right, to terminate or amend this Grant opportunity, at any time and in any way, without prior notice. Without limiting the foregoing, if, for any reason, the Grant opportunity, is not capable of running as originally planned, as a result of tampering or infection by computer virus, TOG and the OAC reserve the right to cancel the Grant offering and conduct a draw from all previously received eligible entries received by the Grant application deadline. TOG and the OAC shall not be held responsible for any problems, errors or negligence that may arise or occur in connection with the Grant offering, including, but not limited to, any damage to an entrant's computer equipment, system, software or any combination thereof, as a result of the entrant's participation in this Grant application.

All entries become the permanent property of TOG and none will be returned. All entries and related intellectual property rights, including but not limited to copyright, become the sole property of TOG, without compensation to applicant and each applicant hereby assigns such rights. Upon entry each applicant irrevocably waives all moral rights protecting the application. Entries, may, throughout the offering timeframe and thereafter, be distributed, used, reproduced, exhibited, donated, sold and/or displayed by TOG on their website, which rights are granted by an applicant to TOG upon entry, all without notice or compensation to applicant. No correspondence will be entered into except with the selected applicant after the Grant application deadline. This Grant offering is subject to all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws.

The Business Enrichment Grant will cover the cost of tuition fees and textbooks for three academic years for one (1) student employed by a TOG member. This student must be enrolling in Year One of the NAIT/OAC Optical Sciences Program, for the first time. The Grant will cover the four-semester Eyeglasses Diploma Program and the two-semester Contact Lens Program and textbooks required in the programs for the one (1) student. Repeat course fees, additional materials and workshop fees, if required, are not included and will not be covered in the Grant. The Grant opportunity is available to TOG members only.

TOG and OAC respect your right to privacy. Personal information collected from applicants will only be used by TOG and OAC to administer the Grant opportunity and, only if consent is given at the time of entry, to provide the applicants with information regarding upcoming promotions and/or events and/or opportunities to support the TOG's mission.

Selection Process

All grant applications will be reviewed by a panel of individuals from TOG. Selection process will be complete by August 14th.

Grant recipient will be contacted and announced by Friday, August 14th, 2020.