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Q. The word "essay" scares me; I am not a writer!

Webster describes "that word" as a "short literary composition." However, the Foundation's requirements are not that "literal", but they are "short" (500 words or less); there are also other options, i.e., video/electronic format (think YouTube!). Use YOUR creative talents.

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Legacy Society

JCAHPO reached its fourth decade in 2009, and to ensure a secure future, its Foundation established the Legacy Society, a long-term strategy for continued funding through planned giving. If you have already included JCAHPO in your estate plan, please let us know so we can welcome you into the Legacy Society.

There is a time in all of our lives when the importance of an estate plan comes into focus, when one decides to

which family members to leave personal belongings, home, property, or investments. Beyond those primary concerns, those who have devoted their lives to special causes want to ensure that the work they supported will continue, allowing them to serve society in perpetuity, as a legacy to what was important to them. A bequest to a charitable organization is one way of nurturing the goals of that institution.

Many have already taken the steps to include JCAHPO in their estate plans through wills or as beneficiaries of IRAs, CDs, royalties, or life insurance. Talk to your legal counsel or financial advisor about the options available that allow you to give more than you thought possible. The Foundation office has many brochures available about wills and estate planning to help with your decisions. For a form to request membership in the Legacy Society, or to request a brochure, go to www.jcahpo.org/foundation

Thank You 2009 Contributors!

January 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009

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Allergan
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American Association of Certified Orthoptists
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Association of Technical Personnel in Ophthalmology
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Charles T. Campbell Charitable Foundation
Delta Gamma Foundation
Essilor of America, Inc.
Michigan Ophthalmic Personnel Society
Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology
The Vision Care Institute
Virginia Society of Ophthalmic Medical Personnel
The entire ophthalmic community, including ophthalmologists, allied health personnel, JCAHPO Commissioners, Staff, and Vendors

Federal Employees

Check with your employer, who may be able to accept your contribution through payroll deductions to the Combined Federal Campaign. JCAHPO is listed under unaffiliated international/ national organizations #10889.

Since 2004, Combined Federal Campaigns have contributed nearly \$4,000 to our Foundation. Thank you, Federal Employees!

2010 Scholarship Awards

Q. What are my chances to receive a CE scholarship?

The goal is to award a scholarship to all who take the time to submit an essay; however, the quality must be acceptable (neatness, spelling, grammar).

Suggestions: Have a second pair of eyes read through your essay, use computer tools such as spell check and grammar check.

2009 Scholarship Recipients

A total of \$38,200 was awarded to 67 people:

- 16 Certification Scholarships
- 20 CE Scholarships (includes 2 ATPO Scholarships)
- 29 Training Program Scholarships
- 1 Virginia Boyce Award
- 1 Harold Stein Prize

2010 Continuing Education Scholarships

Deadlines for postmark of applications:

- Certification.....April 23
- Boyce Award....May 3
- Stein Paper.....July 1
- CE.....July 24

Scholarship applications and guidelines are available at www.jcahpo.org

Read about the 2009 scholarship winners at www.jcahpo.org

ATPO Phil Weber Memorial Scholarship

Through the generosity of the Association of Technical Personnel in Ophthalmology (ATPO), the Foundation awarded a \$500 scholarship for attendance at the 2010 ATPO Scientific Session in Chicago October 15-18. To be considered for a scholarship, submit a short essay on "How ATPO Has Enhanced My Career." Applications, guidelines, and 2010 winners can be found at www.atpo.org.

Continuing Education

You can receive up to \$500 to help pay for attendance at the 2010 JCAHPO Annual Continuing Education (ACE) meeting being held in Chicago, IL, October 15-18.

Certification

Scholarships up to \$300 are available to OMP wishing to advance in the field through certification. Applicants are required to submit a short essay on "Why Certification is Important to Me."

Harold A. Stein, MD, Prize for Best Scientific Paper

Congratulations to Holly Bope, COA, of Lancaster, OH! She is the recipient of the 2009 Stein Prize for Best Scientific Paper. Holly received a cash award in the amount of \$2,000 for her paper "Why Am I So Near-sighted?" All clinical ophthalmic medical personnel are encouraged to submit an original, un-published scientific paper on a topic of their choosing. Additional in-formation is available at www.jcahpo.org

Virginia Boyce Service Award

Congratulations to Helen Metzler, COA, recipient of the 2009 Virginia Boyce Service Award! Do you know an ophthalmic technician who has volunteered time to improve the quality of eye care? PLEASE NOMINATE THEM for the Virginia Boyce Service Award. Go to www.jcahpo.org to view the guidelines.

Since 2001, nine ophthalmic medical personnel have been honored with the Virginia Boyce award for their volunteer service to improve the quality of eye care.

Virginia S. Boyce passed away in July 2009 at the age of 96. Virginia served as JCAHPO's public advisor from 1982-92,

and chair of the Foundation from 1990-2000.

Mrs. Boyce retired from public service after 45 years with the National Society to Prevent Blindness (now Prevent Blindness America) organizing, teaching, and advancing preventative eye health care worldwide.

