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## **Foundation Announces Opening of 2009-10 Scholarship Competition**

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Bethesda, Maryland – The American Occupational Therapy Foundation (AOTF) is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for its 2009-2010 scholarship awards. AOTF awards more than 50 scholarships annually to students enrolled in occupational therapy programs at all levels in the United States. AOTF is currently accepting application submissions through its website at [www.aotf.org](http://www.aotf.org). The deadline for submitting the online-only application is December 2, 2009.

AOTF administers funds for scholarships provided through endowments and partnerships with 22 state occupational therapy associations and the Assembly of Student Delegates of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA).

The Foundation also administers and awards several scholarships established in memory of prominent occupational therapy practitioners, as well as scholarships sponsored by corporate and non-profit supporters. Corporate sponsors *North Coast Medical* and *Progressus Therapy* each provide generous scholarships for two (2) students, and for the 34<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, *Kappa Delta Phi Sorority* provides generous scholarships for two (2) students.

Although some scholarship awards have individual requirements, all applicants must be currently enrolled full-time in an accredited occupational therapy educational program. Applicants must also hold student membership in AOTA. Some scholarships may require membership in a state occupational therapy association.

For complete information and to begin an online application, visit [www.aotf.org](http://www.aotf.org).

The American Occupational Therapy Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable, scientific and educational organization established in 1965. Its mission is to advance research, education, and leadership in the field of occupational therapy and to raise public awareness of the importance of enabling individuals to participate fully in life regardless of their physical, social, mental, or developmental circumstances.