

The Abdeali Kamrudin Award

Abdeali Kamrudin had a strong passion and dedication to the optical industry, accumulating his knowledge of opticianry work from the ground up. Arriving to Canada as a refugee in 1972, Abdeali opened his own lens manufacturing lab and progressed to his first optical retail shop in 1984. Abdeali leaves behind a legacy with his three daughters who are Opticians and continue to run the family business (and its sister location) as well as three grandchildren involved in the optical industry.

Abdeali's family wishes to continue his legacy by supporting the future of Opticianry in the form of a student award for one (1) student in British Columbia who is embarking on their path to become a Licensed Optician.

Value of Award: \$1,500

Number of Awards: 1

Disbursement Year: 2025

Criteria/Eligibility: Available to registered students residing in British Columbia who are enrolled in, or enrolling in, the first term or semester of an Opticianry Program offered through Douglas College, NAIT or Stenberg College. Students must be enrolled in, or enrolling in, a full course load. Awarded based on community involvement and financial need.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicant must be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident, and reside within the province of British Columbia
- Applicant must be registered for a full course load in Semester One/Term One of an Opticianry Program through Douglas College, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) or Stenberg College.
 - Douglas College – Dispensing Opticianry Program (Students enrolled/enrolling in Fall 2025 term)
 - Northern Alberta Institute of Technology – Optical Sciences Eyeglasses Program (NAIT/OAC Students enrolled in Fall 2025 intake or enrolling in Winter 2026 Intake of Eyeglass Year One, Semester One)
 - Stenberg College – Optician Diploma Program (Students enrolled/enrolling in Spring and Fall 2025 intake, Semester One)
- Applicant must demonstrate community involvement and financial need.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS/PROCESS

- Award applicants must create* a profile on the Opticians Association of Canada (OAC) portal, unless you already have one, to be able to access the application form and apply for this award. Creating a profile and membership with the OAC is FREE for students, therefore, there is no cost to create your profile. When setting up your profile, please pay attention to the communication section to determine if you wish to receive

communications from the OAC. If you choose not to receive communications from the OAC, you will still receive communications from us related to your application for this award.

** NAIT Students – if you are currently enrolled or have applied for enrollment, you already created your profile.*

- Applicant must demonstrate community involvement by explaining, in 300 words or less, the importance of community involvement and your role in your community.
- Applicant must demonstrate financial need by explaining, in 150 words or less, how this award will impact you financially.
- Applicant must upload to the online application, a letter of recommendation/reference in **PDF format (.pdf)**, outlining why you would be deserving of this award based on the criteria of community involvement. *Letter of recommendation/reference should not be written by a family member. Letter of recommendation/reference MUST be uploaded in .pdf format*
- Award applicants are required to complete all sections of the online application form and include all necessary documents as outlined. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- **Only one (1) 'Abdeali Kamrudin Award' application allowed per student applicant.** Completing more than one (1) application may disqualify you from being considered for the award.
- **Award applications will be accepted to December 1, 2025.**
The application period closes at 11:59 PM CT on December 1, 2025.

SELECTION PROCESS

All award applications will be reviewed by a panel of individuals (the 'selection committee') made up of representative(s) from Douglas College, NAIT/OAC, and Stenberg College. Selection process will be complete by December 12, 2025.

Award recipient will be contacted and announced by **December 15, 2025**.

OFFICIAL RULES

GENERAL: By applying for this Award, applicants agree to abide by the Official Rules and the decisions of the OAC, the award facilitator, and selection committee with respect to all aspects of the opportunity, which are final.

By applying for this Award opportunity, the recipient consents to the use of his/her name (first and last) without further remuneration, in connection with any publicity carried out by or on behalf of the OAC, Douglas College, NAIT or Stenberg College with respect to this opportunity.

The OAC will not be responsible for late or incomplete entries; all such entries are void. The OAC does not assume any responsibility for incorrect or inaccurate capture of entry information, technical malfunctions, human or technical error, 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.

All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation, and enforceability of the Official Rules, or the rights and obligations of applicants and the OAC in connection with this award opportunity, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with (i) the laws of the Province of Manitoba and the laws of Canada applicable therein in respect of residents of the other Canadian provinces/territories, without regard to conflicts of law principles.

This award offering is subject to all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws.

The award monies will go directly to the award recipient. If the award recipient withdraws from their studies, they must forfeit their award monies. In the case of the award recipient having to forfeit the award, another recipient will be selected to receive the award.