



Grant Application



The Graduate Connections Grant Program is co-sponsored by Hoya Vision Care, a leading lens technology company; and Cleinman Performance Partners (CPP), the leading business development consultancy for larger optometry practices. CPP hosts Cleinman Performance Network, a wisdom-sharing organization comprised of over 200 of North America's largest and most successful optometry leaders. Cleinman Performance Network hosts 10 weekend meetings per year during which its members work together to improve their business skills; resolve challenges and explore opportunities.

The Graduate Connections Grant includes

an all-expense paid trip to either Chicago or Dallas to participate in a Cleinman Performance Network meetings. During this event, and through the Cleinman Performance Network website, the Grant Winner will be introduced to some of North America's leading private optometry practices for the purpose of employment including association leading to ownership.

The face value of this Grant is \$3,000, however the value of the opportunity and the impact on your future is priceless.

To apply for this unique opportunity, please complete this application. Applications will be reviewed and select applicants will be interviewed prior to the awarding of a grant winner. One grant winner will be selected per school. All students interested in a career in private practice are encouraged to complete the application, as opportunities may exist for individuals not selected for a Graduate Connections Grant. Please complete the application in its entirety.

Part 1 - General Information

Name: _____

Address: Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____
(At school)

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____

City: _____ State: _____
(Where you are from originally?)

What was your undergraduate degree? _____ What was your undergraduate GPA? _____

What is your current GPA? _____ When do you expect to receive licensure? _____

What were your parents' occupations? Father: _____ Mother: _____

Where do you desire to reside after school? (Please indicate your top three locations)

City: _____ State: _____

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What type of community do you wish to work in? city suburb rural other _____

What type of environment do you wish to work in? commercial private practice hospital

ophthalmology other? _____

Continued to the following pages for a series of short answer questions.

Part 2 - Short Answer Questions: Be as specific as possible. Continued on next page.

1. Why did you choose optometry as a profession?

2. What is your vision for your future in the profession?

3. What are your specialization interests?

4. What are your business interests?

5. What are your personal interests and hobbies?

Continued to the following page for the remaining series of short answer questions.

Part 2 - Short Answer Questions: Be as specific as possible. Continued on next page.

6. Why do you think you are cut out for private practice?

7. What is your business background?

8. How would you describe your personality?

9. What do you feel it takes to be successful as an optometrist?

10. What do you feel it takes to be successful as an owner/operator of a private practice?

Continued to the following page for the remaining series of short answer questions.

Part 2 - Short Answer Questions: Be as specific as possible. Final page.

11. What is the most innovative action you have taken in the past twenty-four months?

12. Why do you feel you should receive the Graduate Connections Grant?

13. Please provide three business oriented references together with contact information.

14. Please provide the name and e-mail address of your faculty advisor.