WVAOP Membership Benefits

You may ask, “What are the benefits of joining the WVAOP?”

Legislative and Third-Party Advocacy and Alerts

The West Virginia Association of Optometric Physicians is the trusted voice of optometry in the state of West Virginia. In conjunction with the American Optometric Association, the WVAOP advocates on behalf of its members before legislators, third-party providers, and other professional organizations to protect and expand the scope of practice at both the state and federal levels. As a WVAOP member, you will be kept informed of legislative issues and the impact they have on your profession.

Continuing Education

The WVAOP provides the highest quality continuing education in the state. We offer discounted CE courses throughout the year at events like our Mid-Year and Annual Congress, Legislative Day, and local area membership meetings.

Mid-Year and Annual Congress Registration Discounts (Up to $500/year)

Our Mid-Year and Annual Congress conferences offer a non-formal setting to connect and socialize with fellow optometrists while earning CE credits. Conferences are held in various locations in WV for Mid-Year and Charleston, WV for Annual Congress.

Area Meetings

As a WVAOP member, you have the opportunity to attend your local area meeting (most areas of the WVAOP meet twice per year). These meetings provide a great way to connect and socialize with local colleagues while earning CE credits.

Basic Listing on Think About Your Eyes Website ($250 value)

All members practicing in West Virginia receive a basic listing in the find a doctor search on Think About Your Eyes for free ($250/year value). Think About Your Eyes is a multi-million dollar national public awareness campaign that is designed to educate the public on the benefits of vision health and the importance of an annual eye exam. Think About Your Eyes is the largest campaign for eye health, the need for annual exams, and the profession of Optometry – ever!
**AOA Membership**

Membership with the WVAOP means that you will also be a member of the American Optometric Association. Together, we provide outstanding resources and support to optometrists at both the state and national level.

**Networking**

As a WVAOP member, you will have exclusive access to the largest network of optometrists in the state. Countless friendships, mentorships, and professional relationships have been formed as a result of WVAOP membership.

**Quarterly Newsletter**

As a WVAOP member, you will receive our quarterly newsletter via email containing updates from our President and Executive Director, important reminders, information on upcoming events, legislative and third-party advocacy updates, and much more!

**Classifieds**

Our classified ads are a favorite among our members. Classifieds include available positions, practice opportunities, and equipment for sale.

**Tiered Membership Dues**

Both the WVAOP and AOA offer a tiered dues scale in an effort to ease the burden of membership for early career optometrists and reward long standing members.

**Dedicated WVAOP Staff**

With two full-time staff members including an Executive Director and Administrative Secretary/Membership Coordinator, the WVAOP is committed to providing personal attention and support to all of its members.

*Membership with the West Virginia Association of Optometric Physicians has its benefits! Join us today to have a strong voice in your profession!*