



# Entrepreneurial Opportunities Group

## Helping Pharmacy Students Pursue Careers in Independent Pharmacy

Thank you for your interest in the Entrepreneurial Opportunities Group (EOG). The EOG was formed by Currus in the fall of 1997 to help promote the advantages and opportunities available in independent pharmacy practice to University of Kansas pharmacy students. The EOG is made up of experienced Kansas independent pharmacy practitioners, Currus CEO Peter Stern and Associate Dean Gene Hotchkiss (as a liaison with the School of Pharmacy). The stated goals of the EOG are:

- to help students understand and gain interest in independent pharmacy
- to help identify independent pharmacists as information resources
- to complement activities organized by the KU School of Pharmacy related to independent pharmacy opportunities
- to identify potential entrepreneurs from the KU pharmacy student population
- to provide ongoing guidance to potential entrepreneurs

### EOG Scholarships

Currus's EOG initiative provides scholarships to one or more University of Kansas School of Pharmacy students each year who have demonstrably shown interest in pursuing independent pharmacy practice as a career choice. EOG scholarships are awarded in June for use in the following academic year. The EOG does allow past EOG scholarship winners to reapply for the chance to receive additional funds. However, the EOG reserves the right, if it deems appropriate, to give preference to applicants who have not received an EOG scholarship in the past. Currus, which operates to provide various services for Kansas independent pharmacies, has been the primary contributor to the EOG scholarship fund since 1998. (We have provided \$165,000 in contributions to the EOG Scholarship Fund.) Additional funds have periodically been made available through contributions from independent pharmacists. McKesson Corporation is Currus's wholesaler partner and has provided significant contributions to the EOG Scholarship Fund. Scholarship awards in the past have generally ranged from \$500 to \$1,500.

Information on the EOG scholarship process is made available in September of each school year through the NCPA Student Chapter. EOG scholarships are open to students who are members of the University of Kansas NCPA Student Chapter. Students may apply for an EOG scholarship once per school year. Final decisions on the scholarship awards rest entirely with the EOG.

**Students pursuing an EOG scholarship are solely responsible for reading the information on this website and meeting all deadlines.**



## Application

To complete an EOG scholarship application form, please click on the application form indicated below. All students interested in pursuing an EOG scholarship for the present school year must turn in the application form no later than October 1, 2018. A list of applicants for the year will be sent to Associate Dean Gene Hotchkiss at that time.

## Participation in Activities/Point Tracking Form

To pursue an EOG scholarship, students must participate in a certain number of approved activities that will help them learn more about independent pharmacy as a career choice. A list of approved activities and points that may be obtained for each activity are included in the EOG Scholarship Point Tracking Form. Points may be accrued September 1, 2018 through April 26, 2019 for the present year.

A minimum of 16 points must be accumulated by P1 students. A minimum of 20 points must be accumulated by P2 students. A minimum of 22 points must be accumulated by P3 students. Point minimums for the Wichita campus students are listed on the Point Tracking Form. All points must be accumulated by April 26, 2019 to be considered for a scholarship.

All students pursuing an EOG scholarship must submit the online Point Tracking Form to Currus/EOG **no later than 2 weeks after each event attended**. Participation in all activities will be verified with the School of Pharmacy. Point submittals for approved events/activities that may occur prior to the application deadline (for example, the EOG reception at the KPhA Annual Meeting) will be accepted up to two weeks after the application deadline.

## Essays

All students pursuing an EOG scholarship will be sent information in February requesting answers to one or more essay questions concerning interest in independent pharmacy and future career plans. Essays will be emailed to the email address on record in mid February, 2019 and will be due March 31, 2019. All essays will need to be submitted online through this website, by email (eog@currusrx.com), or by mail to Currus.



## **Interviews**

Interviews of students who meet or exceed the point minimum requirement on the EOG Scholarship Point Tracking Form as of April 26, 2019 and who have turned in responses to the essay questions by March 31, 2019, will be invited to participate in the last qualifying component for an EOG scholarship - an interview with 1 or 2 members of the EOG. Interviews will take place somewhere between the last week of April through the first two weeks of May, 2019.

If you have any questions regarding the EOG scholarship process, you can visit the Currus website at [www.currusrx.com](http://www.currusrx.com) and click on the EOG drop down menu, or contact the Currus office at 1-800-279-3022.

