



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 Committee is made up of experienced Kansas independent pharmacy practitioners, the Currus CEO, and a representative of the KU 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
- To identify potential independent pharmacy entrepreneurs from the KU pharmacy student population
- To provide ongoing guidance to potential independent pharmacy entrepreneurs

EOG Scholarships

Currus' 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. Additional funds have periodically been made available through contributions from independent pharmacists. McKesson Corporation is Currus' 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 only 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 Committee.

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 visit www.currusrx.com/scholarships. All students interested in pursuing an EOG scholarship for the present school year must submit an application form no later than October 16, 2020. The link to apply will be removed from the website after that time.

Participation in Activities/Point Tracking

To pursue an EOG scholarship, students must participate in a certain number of approved events that will help them learn more about independent pharmacy as a career choice. Points may be accrued September 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021 for the present school 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. All points must be accumulated by April 30, 2021 to be considered for a scholarship.

All students pursuing an EOG scholarship must submit points for each event **no later than 2 weeks after each event attended**. Events will be posted as they occur on the Scholarships page for point submission and will be removed once the two-week deadline has passed. Participation in all activities will be verified with the school of pharmacy.

Essays

All students pursuing an EOG scholarship will be sent information in March requesting answers to one or more essay questions concerning interest in independent pharmacy and future career plans. Essay forms will be made available on the scholarships page of our website at that time and will be due March 31, 2021. All essays will need to be submitted online through our website, by email (eog@currusrx.com), or by mail to Currus.

Interviews

Interviews of students who meet or exceed the point minimum requirement as of April 30, 2021 and who have turned in responses to the essay questions by March 31, 2021, will be invited to participate in the last qualifying component for an EOG scholarship - an interview with one or two members of the EOG Committee. Interviews will take place somewhere between the last week of April through the first two weeks of May 2021.

***NOTE:** Point requirements and deadlines may be subject to change due to COVID-19 pandemic.

If you have additional questions regarding the EOG scholarship process, you can contact us at eog@currusrx.com or by phone at 785-228-1695.