

Koch Kellan Scholarship | Guidelines

Paragon BioTeck, Inc. is pleased to offer the Koch Kellan Scholarship, named in honor of distinguished ophthalmologists Paul S. Koch and Robert E. Kellan. The \$10,000.00 award is distributed annually to a third-year graduate medical (MD) student committed to pursuing a clinical, teaching, or research career in ophthalmology.

One (1) scholarship will be awarded per calendar year.

Candidate Eligibility

1. All third-year (Class of 2018) students with full-time status at an accredited graduate medical (MD) program within the United States are eligible to apply.
2. Candidates must be demonstrably committed to a clinical, teaching, and/or research career in ophthalmology.

Application Timeline

The application period runs from September 1, 2016, through December 1, 2016. The application is available on KochKellan.com.) The application and all supporting materials must be postmarked by December 1, 2016 or your application will not be considered.

The 2017 Koch Kellan Scholar will be formally announced at an award ceremony during the 2017 ASCRS annual meeting in Los Angeles, CA from May 5-9. Travel to and accommodation for the conference will be provided by Paragon BioTeck, Inc.

Award Distribution

Funds will be released directly to the Financial Aid Office at the Scholar's medical school. Further information regarding disbursement procedures will be provided following the award ceremony at ASCRS.

Funding Restrictions: Scholarship funds may be used only toward tuition and fees. Funds may not be used for books, living expenses, conference attendance or travel. Recipients will have one (1) calendar year to use funds and may specify the quarter, term, or semester to which they would like the funds applied. Any unused funds will be retained by Paragon BioTeck, Inc. Previous recipients of the award may not re-apply.

Application Materials

Submit the Scholarship Application form and subsequent materials, postmarked by December 1, 2016, to the address listed below. Your application is not considered complete until all items are received by Paragon BioTeck, Inc. Application materials submitted via fax or email will not be considered.

The following items must be postmarked by December 1, 2016:

1. A completed copy of the Koch Kellan Scholarship Application.
2. An official academic transcript from the medical school at which you are currently enrolled.
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation from an academic adviser, professor, research mentor, and/or attending ophthalmologist at a current or previously attended institution. Letters must be written or typed on academic letterhead and mailed directly to the address provided below. Additional letters above two (2) will not be considered.
4. A letter from your School of Medicine on school letterhead verifying your full-time enrollment and status as a third-year medical student (Class of 2018). In lieu of this, if you have already completed your third year of medical school and are currently undertaking a fellowship, research project, or other academic or volunteer activity, a letter from the sponsoring institution will also be accepted.
5. An essay (not to exceed 1,000 words) to the Scholarship Review Committee focusing on the following topics:
 - Why you plan to pursue a career in ophthalmology
 - A description of your study plans
 - An overview of your academic interests and activities (coursework, interdisciplinary or independent study) you have pursued as a foundation for your career
 - How your background and future career goals align with the Paragon BioTeck, Inc., Vision Statement: "Drive innovations to address unmet and underserved medical needs and improve the quality of lives around the world."
6. Optional: A resume or CV

Please submit all application materials to:

Paragon BioTeck, Inc.
Attn: Scholarship Review Committee
4640 SW Macadam Ave., Suite 80
Portland, OR 97239

Scholar Announcement and Media Release

The 2017 Koch Kellan Scholar will be invited to the 2017 American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS) annual meeting in Los Angeles, CA, to be held May 5-9. At the conference, the Scholar will be formally presented with the award.

Upon selection, a Media Release Form will be provided for the Scholar's review and signature. Paragon BioTeck may request headshots, written content, and other material that may be used for marketing and promotional purposes related to the Koch Kellan Scholarship.

