

**MICHAEL BRADLEY BENTON
MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL
SCHOLARSHIP FUND
2009 APPLICATION**



**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ORTHOPAEDIC
PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS
(ASOPA)**



**NATIONAL BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF
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The Michael Bradley Benton Memorial Educational Scholarship Fund was created to assist students in completing their college education. The program is directed specifically to members of the American Society of Orthopaedic Physician's Assistants (ASOPA), their spouses, children, or grandchildren.

The Michael Bradley Benton Memorial Educational Scholarship is sponsored by ASOPA and the National Board for Certification of Orthopaedic Physician's Assistants (NBCOPA) and is administered by the Michael Bradley Benton Memorial Educational Scholarship Fund Selection Committee (MBBMESFSC).

TERMS

The Michael Bradley Benton Memorial Educational Scholarship Fund Selection Committee will award a \$2,000 scholarship to a qualified student who is enrolled in a program leading to a bachelor's degree at an accredited college/university in the United States and will be a freshman or sophomore in Fall 2009. The \$2,000 award will be divided into two equal disbursements made before the beginning of the Fall 2009 semester and before the beginning of the Spring 2010 semester of the selected college/university. The scholarship award will be sent directly to the recipient's college/university and deposited in the recipient's name. The funds will be allocated toward the payment of tuition and academic fees and/or the purchase of required educational materials and books. The school will be custodian of the funds and will disburse the award consistent with the purpose of this scholarship.

Recipients are required to be enrolled as full time students and to maintain a cumulative college grade point average of at least a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent to be eligible for the second scholarship disbursement. After completion of the Fall 2009 semester, recipients must submit a copy of their grade report and proof of their full-time spring enrollment status to the MBBMESFSC to receive the Spring 2010 semester disbursement. Recipients will be eligible to re-apply for the scholarship for up to three years based on academic performance and regular application review process by the Selection Committee.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for a scholarship:

- An ASOPA member certified by the NBCOPA or the spouse, child or grandchild of an ASOPA member who is certified by the NBCOPA.
- Student pursuing full-time studies leading to a bachelor's degree at an accredited college/university in the US.
- Must be classified as a college freshman or sophomore in the Fall 2009 semester at time of disbursement of the scholarship.
- Must have a college or high school grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent.
- Must be a US citizen or legal resident.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The following criteria are used to select the finalists:

- Academic performance
- Performance in previous high school or university levels
- Pursuing a bachelor's degree
- Written organization

- Extracurricular activities and community involvement
- Financial need

Finalists may be interviewed by telephone by members of the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship Application Deadline: May 15, 2009

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must submit the following by **May 15, 2009**:

- Completed and signed application form
- College or high school transcript
- Letters of reference from three adults (at least one being a college or high school educator) addressed to Kent Lindeman, Director of the Michael Bradley Benton Memorial Educational Scholarship Selection Committee. Include a contact telephone number, email address, and mailing address for each reference.
- Double spaced, typed personal statement of not more than 300 words describing the professional and career goals your studies are leading to, along with a brief description of financial need.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please send a recent photograph along with the completed application.

TIME SCHEDULE

May 15, 2009	Deadline for turning in completed applications.
June 22, 2009	Scholarship recipient will be notified of the award.
August 15, 2009	First scholarship disbursement is sent to college/university or when required by the college/university.
January 1, 2010	Deadline for recipient to submit copy of their Fall 2009 grade report and proof of enrollment for Spring 2010 semester.
January 10, 2010	Second scholarship disbursement is sent to college/university or when required by the college/university.

Questions? Please contact Kent Lindeman, MBBMESFSC Director at (800) 280-2390 or via email at klindeman@hp-assoc.com.

The Michael Bradley Benton Memorial Educational Scholarship Selection Committee is composed of members from both the ASOPA and the NBCOPA who are charged with the duties of administering the scholarship fund. The committee consists of a Director, and one member from both the ASOPA and the NBCOPA along with a certified educator as a consultant.

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Applicant Information

Name:		
Date of Birth:	SSN:	
Current Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Hm Phone:	Wk Phone:	Mobile Phone:
Email:		

School Information

Current School:		
Address (your address at school):		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Fax:	Email:
Major:	Graduation Date:	
Class Position:	Grade Point Average:	
Class Standing: Freshman / Sophomore		

Name of University

Name of University you are enrolled:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Major/Course of study and anticipated graduation date:		

ASOPA Relationship

Name:		
Relationship:	NBCOPA Certificate #:	ASOPA Member Since:

General Information

Do you have any handicaps or disabilities:
Are you a US Citizen: Yes / No
Gender: Female / Male

Personal & Professional/Educational References

Name:	Daytime Phone:	Reference Type: Personal/ Professional/Educational
1)		
2)		
3)		
4)		
5)		

Signatures

I authorize the verification of the information provided on this form. I authorize the release of my high school or University transcripts.

Signature of applicant:	Date:
Signature of ASOPA member (if applicant is a relative):	Date:

Benton Scholarship Application Continued

Please be sure to answer the below questions thoroughly. Also, attach a personal statement (double-spaced no more than 300 words) describing the professional and career goals your studies are leading to, along with a brief description of financial need.

1. What high school(s) did you attend, when did you graduate, and what was your class standing?

2. List extra curricular activities, any offices held, and honors or awards you have received during your high school and/or college education.

3. Are you, at present, the recipient of any scholarships or the beneficiary of any other financial aid? If so, please specify.

4. Describe any employment (after school, summer, college co-op) you have had during the past two years.

5. Describe any community related activities in which you participated and your role in them.

I certify that all of the information included in this application is true and complete. I hereby grant permission to Michael Bradley Benton Memorial Scholarship Fund Selection Committee to verify such information and to contact the schools I have attended and the individuals whose names I have given as references. I hereby authorize the college or university listed below to provide my cumulative grade point average and enrollment status to MBBMSFSC for the purpose of verifying eligibility for the second part of the scholarship disbursement should I be selected as a MBBMSF Scholar.

Name of College/University or High School

Applicant Signature

Date

This scholarship is open to residents of the U.S. who are members of the American Society of Orthopaedic Physician's Assistants, and certified through the National Board for Certification of Orthopaedic Physician's Assistants, their spouses, children and grandchildren.

Please check the items, which you should have enclosed with this application. Only those applicants who have submitted all the items listed below will be considered for a scholarship award. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- Completed and signed application form, to include personal questions and a personal statement (no more than 300 words) describing the professional and career goals your studies are leading to as covered on the previous page of requirements.
- College or high school transcript with proof of GPA forwarded to the Selection Committee for review.
- Letters of reference from three adults (at least one being an educator) addressed to Kent Lindeman, Director of the Michael Bradley Benton Scholarship Selection Committee. Include a telephone number, email address, and mailing address for each reference.
- Picture of the applicant should be included.

Applications must be received by May 15, 2009. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Decisions of the Selection Committee are final.

Mail completed applications to:

American Society of Orthopaedic Physician's Assistants
Attn: Kent Lindeman, Director, Michael Bradley Benton Scholarship
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