

Optometry's Oath of Practice

With full deliberation, I freely and solemnly pledge that:

- ❧ I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously, and to the fullest scope of my competence.*
- ❧ I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action the highest standards, ethics and ideals of my chosen profession and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry.*
- ❧ I will provide professional care for those who seek my services with concern, with compassion and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.*
- ❧ I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack for proper care.*
- ❧ I will hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.*
- ❧ I will advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain or enhance their vision and general health.*
- ❧ I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.*
- ❧ I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow optometrists and other professionals for the benefit of the patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.*
- ❧ I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country and humankind as a citizen as well as an optometrist.*
- ❧ I hereby commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this my solemn oath and obligation.*

Having truthfully answered the forgoing questions, I hereby make application for membership in the New Jersey Society of Optometric Physicians, the American Optometric Association and my chosen local society. I obligate myself to return the certificate of membership to the Society should I ever resigned or be dropped from the roster or in the event that my membership is terminated for whatever reason. I agree to abide by the NJSOP Constitution and Bylaws and to adhere faithfully to the Optometric Oath.