

Southern California College of Optometry  
at Marshall B. Ketchum University's  
**APPLICATION PROCESS**

START HERE

Have you submitted your application to OptomCAS?

YES

NO

It takes approx. 3-4 weeks for OptomCAS to verify your application before they release it to SCCO. All questions about your application should be directed to OptomCAS during this time. When your application is "verified" and released, SCCO will contact you with information regarding how to pay your \$75 supplemental fee.

Keep working on your application! [Click here](#) for an overview and tips.

**PAY FEE**  
allow 1-2 weeks for review

Review completed.  
Were you offered an interview yet?

NOT YET

YES!

Your application has been placed on hold, likely for one of the reasons below. As updates are received, you may be invited to interview.

- Missing OAT scores, or waiting on new scores
- Awaiting an "Academic Update" with Fall grades
- (update is done through OptomCAS from December– February)
- Applicant does not meet all of the academic minimums to automatically qualify to interview but is still being considered and may be offered an interview later in the season. Secondary review may be required.

**Congratulations, you've been offered an interview!**

Log into the Portal to schedule your interview and find tips to help you prepare. Interviews are typically conducted one Friday or Saturday a month. You will find out Monday or Tuesday if you have been offered a seat in the class.

Were you admitted off the Alternate List?

NO

YES!

**You have been placed on Alternate List.**  
For more information regarding how the Alternate List functions, [click here](#).

NOT YET

Did you receive an offer to join the SCCO Family?

YES!

**Congratulations, you have been provisionally accepted!**  
You have 2 weeks to submit the first half of your deposit and initiate your Criminal Background Check (CBC) in order to secure your seat. Once your background check clears, your acceptance will be final!

**Not Admitted**  
If you were on hold and will not be invited to interview you will be notified in the Spring. If you interviewed and were placed on the Alternate List and will not be invited to join the class, notifications will go out after Orientation Day in mid-August. Applicants are encouraged to reapply starting July 1. [Click here](#) for more information.

Did your Criminal Background Check clear?

NO

YES!

**Welcome to the SCCO Family!**  
A final deposit is required by May 15th to secure your seat in the class. We look forward to walking alongside you for the next 4 years and beyond!

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