**OT Endowed Scholarship/Conference Fund Criteria**

The Occupational Therapy Program has developed an award opportunity to support Eastern Michigan University student research dissemination and/or attendance at conferences and events that support the advancement of the profession and the EMU OT Program mission, vision, and philosophy. Possible ways financial support can be used include, but are not limited to: travel related expenses and conference/workshop fees. Priority will be given to students who are disseminating their research however other submissions will be considered if they are aligned with EMU OT’s vision, mission, and philosophy. Awards will be disseminated in October and March of each academic year.

In order to be considered for the research award, a student must:

1. Be an undergraduate or graduate student at EMU who is currently enrolled in the OT program.
2. Identify a specific conference/workshop they wish to attend.
3. Have clearly developed goals for attendance.
4. Articulate how attendance at the conference/event will advance the OT profession and/or EMU’s OT Program.
5. Submissions are due September 15th (fall cycle) and February 15th (winter cycle).

**Application Deadline:**

Applications will be considered and evaluated twice a year; please submit to Andrea Zakrasjek via email ([azakrajs@emich.edu](mailto:azakrajs@emich.edu)). Please be sure you include your name and “OT Endowed Scholarship/Conference Fund” in the subject line of the email. Upon review of application, awards will be determined by the EMU OT Scholarship Committee until funding has been depleted and considered in the order received. This award fund typically has $700 available to award annually.

Please contact Dr. Zakrajsek if you have any questions regarding the research award process:

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**OT Endowed Scholarship/Conference Award Application**

**Name: Date:**

**Address:**

**Phone Number:**

**Email Address (exactly as is):**

**E Number:**

**Which semester and year do you plan to graduate?**

**Semester: Year:**

**Current Overall GPA:**

**Name and description of conference/event you wish to attend:**

**If presenting research, brief description of the research project, research mentor, and dissemination method:**

**What are your goals for attending this conference/event?**

**Clearly articulate how your attendance at this event will advance the OT profession and/or the EMU OT Program’s mission/vision or philosophy.**

**Please describe how this award would you support your ability to participate in this conference/event?**

**Please provide any other information you feel would assist the team in evaluating your application.**