Steven M. Wilson, O.D. is a native of Valdosta, Georgia. He attended Valdosta High School, Valdosta State University, the University of Georgia, and the University of Alabama’s School of Optometry where he graduated Valedictorian in 1980. After returning to Valdosta in 1981, he opened Wilson Eye Center (WEC). Over the years, WEC has grown from a one doctor/one staff member office to a fully staffed office through technology innovation, dedication to quality control, and a commitment to patient service.

In recognition of the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College Ophthalmic Program and its dedication to the same principles as the Wilson Eye Center, up to two (2) $1,000 scholarships will be awarded each year to two (2) outstanding senior ophthalmic students enrolled in Wiregrass Georgia Technical College Ophthalmic Program. The funding will be for a student to take any or all of the following Ophthalmic Boards: LDO, NCLE, or ABO.
Wilson Eye Center
Scholarship Requirements

A. Applicants must be enrolled full-time in the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College Ophthalmic Program.
B. Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.0 Grade Point Average.
C. Scholarship will be awarded to offset the costs of LDO, NCLE, and ABO testing. Proof of licensing boards/tests with passing grades must be submitted in order for scholarship to be awarded.
D. Completed applications must be received no later than the first week of the last semester prior to graduation from the program.
E. Scholarship money is to be used for hotel/travel/meals/licensing/boards and tests.
F. Applications must be accompanied by two letters of reference: one from a Wiregrass Georgia Technical College instructor and one from an externship site.
G. Tell us in 300 words or less why you feel you should be the recipient of the Wilson Eye Center Ophthalmic Scholarship.
H. This is an ongoing scholarship; therefore, there is not a deadline each year.
I. Turn in completed application and all of the above documents to the Foundation Office – Brooks Hall, Room 512 or mail to:

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College Foundation South
4089 Val Tech Road
Valdosta, GA 3102

***Any Questions regarding the Wilson Eye Center Ophthalmic Scholarship criteria or eligibility should be directed to Penelope Schmidt in the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College Foundation South office at 229.293.6190 or penelope.schmidt@wiregrass.edu.
Application for WGTC Foundation South, Inc.
WILSON EYE CENTER OPHTHALMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Name___________________________________

(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address___________________________________

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone__________________ Email__________________

Student ID # __________________________

Education (Circle): High School: 9 10 11 12 GED College: 1 2 3 4 5+

Program of Study: __________________________ GPA__________

Honors, Awards, Activities, Clubs, Leadership Positions Held:

__________________________________________________________________________________

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Monthly Household Income __________________________ # in Household _______________________

Other Income: Ask Financial Aid staff to verify.

Pell Grant: ___Yes ___No /Amount Awarded next Semester: _________________

HOPE Grant: ___ Yes ___ No/ Amount Awarded next Semester: _________________

WIA: ___ Yes ___ No/ Amount Received Weekly: $________________________

Educational Loans:

Other: ________________________________________________________________

CURRENT EMPLOYER ____________________________ Full-time ________ or Part-time ________

Verification: By signing this application, I give the WGTC Foundation South staff permission to check
my records, financial aid, and any other information given on this form to verify my eligibility for this
scholarship. I understand that if I give false information, I can be disqualified from receiving a
scholarship. My signature below verifies that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Media Release: If I am awarded any Foundation funds, I do □ do not □ (mark one) authorize
Wiregrass Georgia Technical College Foundation South, Inc., to use my name, information, award(s),
and/or photo in media releases, reports, and newsletters.

____________________________________________              _____________________
(Applicant Signature) (Date)

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Resources, Valdosta Campus, Berrien Hall, Room 114, (229) 333-5356 opt. 4 or shalonda.sanders@wiregrass.edu or Katrina Royal,

Student ADA & Section 504 Coordinator (all campuses), Special Populations Coordinator, Valdosta Campus, Berrien Hall, Room 107,
(229) 333-2100 ext. 1236 or katrina.royal@wiregrass.edu (*student ADA & student disability claims only). Telephone
numbers are accessible to persons who are deaf or hard of hearing through the Georgia Relay by dialing 711 or (800) 255-0056
from a TTY/TDD.