

ATTENTION NORTH AMERICAN FACULTY AND STUDENTS!

In conjunction with **OPTIFAB 2013, to be held 14-17 October 2013** in Rochester, New York, APOMA will sponsor [travel grants and monetary awards for best student papers](#) in the OPTIFAB program. All awards are for students attending North American schools only.

Multiple \$250 travel grants will be awarded to students presently enrolled in North American schools who are presenting papers (either oral or poster) at the OPTIFAB meeting.

The travel grants are intended to encourage North American student participation at regional or national conferences that broaden their academic education, while providing first hand exposure to technical and manufacturing issues important to the optics industry. The grants may be used to defer costs associated with transportation, registration or housing. Guidelines and eligibility are given below.

Best Oral or Poster Papers - In addition, a **\$1000** EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT PAPER (1st place) award, a **\$750** OUTSTANDING STUDENT PAPER (2nd place) award, and a **\$500** OUTSTANDING STUDENT PAPER (3rd place) award will be made at the conference. Papers (oral or poster) will be judged by APOMA industry representatives. [Student applicants must provide the documentation described below, including abstract and a signed proof of current student \(undergraduate or graduate\) status signed by their advisor by the August 16th deadline.](#)

Travel Grant Deadlines

Applications for OPTIFAB CONFERENCE TRAVEL GRANTS are **due to the address below no later than August 16th**. Travel award notification will be made by September 9th. Applicants are requested to email information under a single cover email that contains all appropriate documentation. **PLEASE INDICATE "APOMA TRAVEL GRANT" IN THE SUBJECT LINE.**

Student Paper Award Guidelines

Students must be enrolled full time in an undergraduate or graduate program in a North American school. Associate degree students must be registered full time in an accredited Optical Manufacturing curriculum. Signature of the advisor verifying this fact is required. Eligible topics most closely related to the goals of APOMA and APOMA-member companies will be considered most favorably. A copy of the submitted abstract (accepted for presentation at the conference) is required. **Two awards per institution will be made.**

Application materials to be mailed to the APOMA student award committee include:

- Student name, address, phone number and email,
- University, major, advisor's name,
- Graduate or undergraduate standing,
- Title and abstract of presentation, and written validation of full time student status by advisor/supervisor,
- Name of meeting student is attending, dates and location of meeting

***Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

**E-MAIL applications to: info@apoma.org
Subject: APOMA Travel Grant**