



The Board and members of the Opticians Association of Alaska are proud to announce the **2025 OAAK Education Convention!** Our next Convention will be hosted at **The Lakefront Anchorage, 2800 Spenard Road in Anchorage, Alaska, from Friday, March 28th – Sunday, March 30th, 2025.** OAAK Board President Paul Holman has done a fantastic job researching various new venues for us to meet in, and if you'd like a sneak peek of our next location, click the link to check it out:

<https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/anchorage/the-lakefront-anchorage/#home>

Get excited for a new venue, a new schedule, new speakers, and new opportunities for more types of education. Your OAAK board has been working hard to hear and respond to your feedback to make each year's convention better than the last.

This year's convention theme is: **Western!** Pack your boots, blue jeans, and cowboy hats for a weekend filled with top notch speakers (including Andrew Bruce, Samantha Toth, and more!), karaoke, and a stomping good time with the best of the best opticians in the last frontier!

Courtesy of the United Opticians Association (UOA), we will be offering an ABO prep course on Saturday for apprentices and those new to the optical field. It runs concurrent to the Saturday morning and afternoon CE courses and is offered at a reduced rate to encourage professional opticianry in Alaska! We thank UOA for their partnership in this endeavor, which is being offered for the first time in Alaska thanks to their generosity.

Room reservations can be made on an individual basis by calling (907) 243-2300 and mentioning block code 2503OPTSAK (preferred method) or by booking online at:

<https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/bookings/?hotelcode=13543&checkin=2025-0328&groupcode=2503OPTSAK>

It is important to know that for this venue **ALL rooms and meals MUST be booked a minimum of 30 days in advance to qualify for group discounts.** The group rate is **\$135 a night + tax.** The hotel is less than a mile from the airport, and it offers free parking, a free airport shuttle, as well as 2 on-site restaurants and a bar. Due to the rules of the venue and the rising costs of everything, but especially food, **we cannot accept any registrations for the hotel OR for full convention attendance past March 1, 2025.** Same day convention registrations are possible, but will be limited to Saturday and Sunday attendance only and will not receive discounted rates.

We are offering 4 CE credits Friday night by reservation only (this event is strictly for ABO/NCLE certified or state licensed opticians only) and will be ending our convention much earlier on Sunday than in past years based on feedback from last year's convention. Friday CE and Registration begins at 3:00 pm. Please be sure to register early and reserve your slot for Friday's CE classes while space is still available! There is a spot on the registration form to mark your intention to attend.

**Please visit our NEW OAAK Website at [www.oaak.org](http://www.oaak.org) and register for the convention online TODAY!**

2025 Convention pricing:

Licensed Opticians / ABO / NCLE certified  
Until 1/15/2025 - **\$390** early bird discount  
1/16/2025 - 3/1/2025 - **\$400**

Apprentices and new optical staff  
Until 1/15/2025 **\$190** early bird discount  
1/16/2025 - 3/1/2025 - **\$200**

Additional guest for trade show and lunch on Saturday: **\$50**

Additional guest for all meals on Saturday and Sunday (sorry, no guests on Friday): **\$150**

OAAK MEMBERSHIP ONLY FOR THOSE NOT ATTENDING CONFERENCE: **\$125**

Total charges: \_\_\_\_\_ (      ) Mark here if you are sending a check

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**Licensed and ABO/NCLE certified opticians only:** reserve my spot for Friday CE: \_\_\_\_\_

Attendee Name:  
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Attendee preferred name for nametag:  
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Home Mailing Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (work): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone  
(cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Email:  
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Employer:

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Optician License # / State or ABO and/or NCLE certification #: \_\_\_\_\_

What year did you first start working as an optician? Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Any medically necessary or religious dietary restrictions the kitchen staff needs to be made aware of?

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Please complete one form per attendee. Fax to Sandi at (907) 385-0276 or send via secure email to [OAAKpresident@outlook.com](mailto:OAAKpresident@outlook.com). IF YOU ARE PAYING BY CHECK, MAIL CHECKS TO: **OAAK, PO BOX 10883, FAIRBANKS, AK 99710**. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO **"OPTICIANS ASSOCIATION OF ALASKA"** AND INCLUDE COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORMS FOR EVERY REGISTERED OPTICIAN THE CHECK IS PAYING FOR. CALL OR TEXT PAUL AT (907) 841-6867 TO LET HIM KNOW A CHECK HAS BEEN SENT SO HE CAN ENSURE IT IS RECEIVED AND THAT YOUR RESERVATION IS MADE BEFORE THE DEADLINE.