



Ken Chagnon Technical Development Award

Program Overview

The Ken Chagnon Technical Development Award provides targeted support for Orthotic and Prosthetic (O&P) technicians to pursue professional development through conferences, specialized training, and advanced technical education.

Orthotic and prosthetic technicians play a vital role in ensuring timely access to high-quality patient care. As the field faces growing technician shortages and increasing demand for services, continued investment in technical training is essential to maintaining excellence in fabrication, efficiency, and innovation. This award honors the legacy of Ken Chagnon by strengthening the skills and professional growth of technicians who are foundational to patient care and clinical outcomes.

Award Details

This program offers a \$2,000 development award to support Orthotic and/or Prosthetic technicians in advancing their technical expertise and professional development.

Award funds may be used to support:

- Registration for professional conferences
- Participation in specialized technical workshops
- Advanced technical and/or fabrication training programs or certificates
- Educational opportunities that expand and enhance quality, efficiency, and patient outcomes through technical expertise

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be actively employed as an Orthotic and/or Prosthetic technician in an O&P clinical or fabrication setting at the time of application
- Demonstrate commitment to professional growth and high-quality technical practice



Application Materials

Applicants must submit the following through The O&P Foundation Application Portal:

1. Documentation verifying current employment as an O&P technician
2. Resume
3. Short (3-5 minutes) Video Submission
 - Introduce yourself, describe your technical role, and explain how the award will support your professional development
4. Itemized Budget & Purpose
 - Outline intended use of funds and describe how the proposed training/activity will enhance technical skills, efficiency, and quality of care.

Program Goals

Through the Ken Chagnon Technical Development Award, The O&P Foundation seeks to:

- Strengthen the technical workforce supporting O&P care delivery
- Promote professional development in fabrication and technical practice
- Improve efficiency, access, and quality of patient care
- Invest in technicians as essential members of the OP&P care team

Questions

For questions regarding the Ken Chagnon Technical Development Award, contact info@oandpfoundation.org