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## **OPAF Dale Yasukawa Scholarship Applications Due May 15**

April 1, 2010 – Waterloo, Iowa - The OPAF Dale Yasukawa Scholarship Fund is now accepting applications from Northwestern University students currently enrolled in the O & P program. The scholarship is intended to assist current NUPOC students attend their local chapter, society meeting or national meeting of the Academy. More information is located on the OPAF website at

<http://www.opfund.org/programs/scholarship.htm>

Scholarship applications are due by May 15.

In November 2001, a memorial fund was established at OPAF in the name of Dale Yasukawa CP.

Yasukawa, who died on November 22, 2001 at the age of 43, served as director of prosthetics at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (RIC) in the department of prosthetic-orthotic clinical services. He began his work with RIC in 1988 as a physical therapy aid. In 1990, he joined the O&P clinical services department, and in 1991 Yasukawa attended the Northwestern University prosthetics certificate program. He became an ABC-certified prosthetist in 1993 and throughout his career worked with patients of all ages - children, young adults, and geriatrics. Yasukawa was involved in the Midwest Chapter of the American Academy of Orthotists & Prosthetists for over seven years, completing his service as immediate past president in 2001.

In cooperation with Linda Yasukawa, PT, MS, OPAF has created a scholarship program connected to Dale's memorial fund.

This scholarship program is currently open to all full-time certificate candidates enrolled in Northwestern University's Prosthetic Orthotic Center (NUPOC). The chief purpose of the scholarship is to encourage student participation in their local annual meeting of the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists (AAOP). It is expected that the award will be used specifically to defray meeting registration fees of their local AAOP meeting and assist in the purchasing of books, supplies, and equipment needed for ongoing studies at NUPOC.

The Dale Yasukawa Scholarship winner for 2009 was Alex Trumper, CO.

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