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Dear Missouri Dental Students:

The **MDA Foundation Dental Scholarship Program** is now open to receive applications. The **\$5,000** scholarships are for the 2019-2020 academic year. They are competitive and will be based upon leadership and achievement. Three winners will be selected from all eligible applicants. The scholarship program is an initiative of the MDA Foundation in cooperation with the Missouri Dental Association. Applications must be postmarked by **February 15, 2019**.

Eligibility

- Students must be entering their 2nd - 4th year of dental school in fall 2019.
- Students must be graduates of a Missouri high school and must have been a resident of Missouri for a minimum of five years.
- Previous recipients of MDA Foundation Scholarships are ineligible for a second MDAF Scholarship.

Applications are due February 15, 2019.
Recipients will be notified no later than March 30, 2019.

Please carefully review the included application for specifics on:

- Application Requirements (including residency requirements)
- Required Supportive Materials Checklist
- Essay Question
- Check the correct box if you wish for your application materials to be reviewed by the Missouri Section of the American College of Dentists for separate consideration of their scholarship program.

We encourage you to be thoughtful in your essay question response, as it will be an important part of the review process. Please submit your application singled sided with no staples.

Send completed application to: MDA Foundation, 3340 American Ave, Jefferson City MO 65109.

For questions about the scholarship application please contact Paul Roberts at paul@modentalmail.org or 800-688-1907. Thank you for your interest in our scholarships program and best wishes in the review process.

Sincerely,

Danielle M. Riordan DDS (UMKC 2010)
Chair, MDA Foundation



MDA Foundation Dental Scholarship Application

\$5,000 Scholarship for the 2019-2020 Academic Year
» Application & Supportive Materials Deadline February 15, 2019 «

Contact Information		
Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone (Day/Cell):	Email:	

Applicants must meet all of the following requirements for consideration.

Application Requirements		
1. Are you a full-time dental student who in fall 2019 will be entering your 2 nd - 4 th year of the program leading to a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree?	YES	NO
2. Have you been a resident of Missouri for a minimum of five years	YES	NO
3. Were you a resident of Missouri at the time of dental school application	YES	NO
4. Did you graduate from a Missouri High School	YES	NO
<i>High School Name & City:</i>		
<i>Graduation Year:</i>		
5. Have you received a previous scholarship from the MDA Foundation?	YES	NO

Applicants must submit all of the following materials with completed application.

Required Supportive Materials Checklist
Certified copy of your dental school transcripts. <i>*Unofficial transcripts are not accepted.</i>
Completed Essay Question (included) as an attached, separate document.
High-quality digital photo of yourself to appear in the MDA <i>Focus</i> publication should you be selected as a scholarship recipient. Email photo to paul@modentalmail.org . Your signature below will serve as a release to use the photo.

MDA Foundation Dental Scholarship Essay Question

Please write a short essay on the following question.

- Must not exceed 500 words
- Must be typed and double spaced, single-sided, not stapled

The vision of the Foundation is to aid in “Improving Missouri Smiles” through education programs, access-to-care initiatives and community collaborations. Please write a short essay about yourself and how your past experiences; your involvement at school, at work or in your community; and your future plans align with this vision. Be sure to highlight any leadership roles you have held. Also, please discuss what role organized dentistry will or may play throughout your dental career.

For more information about the Missouri Dental Association visit modental.org.

Essay Evaluation Criteria

- Be focused and well-reasoned
- Demonstrate a clear understanding of the issue/topic
- Demonstrate your own opinion and stance of the topic

Essays will be reviewed by members of the MDA Foundation Board.

Application Verification: I hereby attest that all information contained herein and in the accompanying application materials is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further agree that knowingly providing false information in this application will result in my not being considered for the scholarship and will result in action for repayment of any monies awarded if the information is later found to be false. I authorize that officers and staff of the MDA Foundation, or its agents, may receive and verify all information pertinent to this application.

American College of Dentists: The Missouri Section of the American College of Dentists will also be awarding four \$1,000 scholarships from the submitted applications. Students are eligible for both scholarships provided consent is given to share information. Check the box below if you wish to be considered for both programs.

I consent to share my application and accompanying materials with the Missouri Section of the American College of Dentists for consideration of their scholarship program

Student Signature:	Date:
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Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail no later than March 30, 2019. Scholarship funds will be paid as \$2,500 per semester for the fall 2019 and spring 2020 semesters. All scholarship funds are specifically designated for tuition assistance and will be paid directly to the school. **Send completed applications and supportive materials by February 15, 2019 to: MDA Foundation, 3340 American Avenue, Jefferson City MO 65109**