Membership in the Missouri Dental Association is valuable for ALL students, whether you are starting your first year of school or preparing for the transition from graduation to a daily dental practice. More than 150 years ago, your predecessors had the foresight to found the Missouri Dental Association. The MDA was founded to represent and advance the dental profession and support members’ efforts to provide ethical, quality oral health care to the public. It all begins with you.

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT: HELPING ALL MEMBERS SUCCEED**

**ADVOCACY**
Organized dentistry will be a valuable resource to you as a student member as well as a professional member in the future. You are entitled to many benefits and privileges highlighted in this brochure. In the years ahead, as you begin your career, you are encouraged to tap into the resources available to you through your professional organizations. Remember that organized dentistry is working for you and we’re just a phone call away!

Read on to learn more about the many benefits of belonging and the many reasons why Student Membership Matters.

**POWER OF THREE**

To meet the challenges our members face, the American Dental Association, national, states, and locals, must adapt and help our members succeed by offering them products and services of value to them regardless of where or how they practice, or where or how they engage the ADA Organization. To achieve this, we believe each part of the ADA needs to work together in new ways to bring a shared vision for the national, states and locals, the “Power of Three.”

The objectives of the “Power of Three” include:

- Provide consistent and “best in class” member service and experience.
- Drive member loyalty beginning with admission to dental school and continuing throughout a dentist’s career, regardless of the member’s entry point to organized dentistry.
- Learn to create and deliver this member value in new ways, focusing our collaborative efforts to achieve measurable results.

**Important Contacts & Resources**
ADA 800-621-8099 — ada.org
MDA 800-688-1907 — modental.org
- Paul Roberts, Foundation & Outreach Director — paul@modentalmail.org
- Stacey Kloospp, Membership Manager — stacey@modentalmail.org
MDIS 800-944-7550 — mdis4dds.com
GKCDs Trustee, Dr. Robert Tait — 816-763-3368

**WELCOME!**
Enjoy your FREE MEMBERSHIP to the Missouri Dental Association & Greater Kansas City Dental Society

Learn more about the benefits and resources offered in your free student membership.

**LOOK INSIDE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT VARIOUS MDA PROGRAMS & SERVICES**
FOOD FOR THOUGHT LUNCHES

Reduced Registration and Course Fees

Scholarships:

Reduced Dues

Board Exams:

Business owners package-building, contents & general liability (custom

New Practice Checklist

Student Delegate:

MDA New Dentist Committee

Professional liability for individual practitioners and corporations (60%

Free Registration:

Workers compensation—required by law

Frequently Asked Questions:

Health insurance—Group and Individual and Home and Auto Coverage

Your Plan?

What’s

Your Plan?

CLASSIFIED LISTINGS

How do you plan to practice after graduation? Will you become an

associate, go into public health or have your own solo private practice? The

MDA has a Classifieds & Listings section on MODENTAL.org to help you connect

with career opportunities. You can find ads for practices seeking associates,

full and part time employment, dental practices and equipment for sale, and

you can create your own listing too!

A complete array of products and services including board exam and health,

life, disability, home and auto insurance for students and their families, all from the MDA

subsidiary, Missouri Dental Insurance Services (MDIS). For questions call 800-944-7550 or

visit mdis4dds.com. Visit MODENTAL.org/students

to learn more!

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PROTECTING THE PROFESSION

You can’t put a price on it.

INSURANCE

MEMBER BENEFIT

It’s hard to put a value on. As a student and new dentist, you may not feel you have time to become involved with governmental and regulatory affairs. That’s why MDA makes it our business to be an advocate for you and the dental profession. Your membership gives you a voice in legislative decisions that can directly affect dentistry in Missouri. Dentists can’t afford to be silent partners in their own business and practice decisions. Political involvement is just good business.

HELPING YOUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A fun and informative program with new dentist speakers and great food is provided four times each year to discuss “real-world” topics, such as practice management, associations and more. Lunches are held from Noon to 1pm. Visit MODENTAL.org/students

to learn more!

YEAR AT A GLANCE

January

MDA Legislative Day

February

Children’s Dental Health Month Activities

Give Kids a Smile Events

ASDA Annual Session

March/April

Midwest Dental Conference in Kansas City

National Dental Student Lobby Day

June

Connect 4 Success - MDA Annual Conference

October

ADA Annual Session & House of Delegates

November

MDA House of Delegates in Jefferson City

Mid Continent Dental Congress in St. Louis

MDA makes it easy to transition your membership from student to active member. We’ve taken the difficulty out of getting your practice up and running with comprehensive resources to help you succeed:

• Reduced Dues: We know finances are tight when you start your career, but organized dentistry has your interest and your success in mind. The ADA, MDA and various local dental societies offer a reduced dues program, which offers recent graduates FREE membership for the remainder of your graduation year and reduced dues for the next four years.

• Frequently Asked Questions: members.org/faq

• New Practice Checklist: A list of “to-dos” and Missouri resources to contact when beginning to practice. Topics include licensing, regulations, infection control/ OSHA, taxes, insurance and more.

• Reduced Registration and Course Fees: Attend and learn for less at MDA’s Annual conference which has a new dentist CE track.

• MDA New Dentist Committee: MDA New Dentist Committee is to be the voice and front line resource to new dentists throughout the tripartite who have been out of dental school for less than 10 years, to demonstrate the value of membership, and to focus on the needs of new dentists and dental students through the development of resources, education, facilitation of networking opportunities and advocacy. The Committee on the New Dentist shall be composed of a representative from each component society who must be dentists within their first 10 years; a faculty liaison from UNMC School of Dentistry and AT Still University; a student representative from UNMC School of Dentistry and AT Still University, no more than six additional total at-large new dentists within their first 10 years from any component; a representative from the Board of Trustees; and a liaison from the Missouri Dental Insurance Services.

• Missouri Dental Insurance Services: As insurance experts, they are committed to members by providing peace of mind and security through quality insurance and financial products for your family, your staff and their families.

• Professional liability for individual practitioners and corporations (80% discount for new dentists)

• Business owner package—building, contents & general liability (custom designed for dentists)

• Workers compensation—required by law

• Health Insurance Group and Individual and Home and Auto Coverage

• Disability income and Business Overhead Expense

• Life Insurance and Long Term Care

• BIRCA Bonds

The Real World

After Graduation

Dentistry school is expensive. Let the MDA ease the burden with these opportunities at saving money and easing the financial strain. Membership has its benefits. Look at what we can offer when you need it.

• Four Food for Thought Lunches

• Scholarships: The Missouri Dental Foundation offers scholarships to dental students who are going into their second, third or fourth year of school. The recipient must be a Missouri high school graduate and a student member of the MDA. Scholarships are awarded to dental students based on academic merit and financial need.

• Free Registration: At MDA continuing education meetings.

• ASDA Support: The MDA New Dentist Committee sponsors a MDA student liaison to attend the ASDA (American Student Dental Association) Annual Session.

• Board Exams: MDS provides lunch for students taking the dental board exams in April/May and MDA-MDS offers membership benefit and insurance materials for the dental board candidates.

• Dental Desk: Available in your library to help in board exam preparation.

• Student Delegate: Representation at the MDA House of Delegates.

Help when you need it.