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.

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.
FOOD FOR THOUGHT LUNCHES

Disability income and Business Overhead Expense
Reduced Registration and Course Fees
New Practice Checklist
Free Registration:
Health insurance-Group and Individual and Home and Auto Coverage
Student Delegate:
Missouri Dental Insurance Services
ERISA Bonds
Professional liability for individual practitioners and corporations (60%
MDA New Dentist Committee
Life Insurance and Long Term Care
Your Plan?
(MDIS). For questions call 800-944-7550 or
subsidiary, Missouri Dental Insurance Services
students and their families, all from the MDA
life, disability, home and auto insurance for
including board exam policies and health,
practices and equipment for sale, and
full and part time employment, dental

MDA has a Classifieds & Listings section
your own solo private practice?
graduation? Will you become an
How do you plan to practice after

COMMUNICATIONS SYNERGY
We make it easy for you to get "news you can
use" through the Focus magazine, modental.
org website, FAQs, Classifieds and MDA New
Dentist eNewsletter, all of which are provided
with your Student Membership. Each includes
information on MDA business, what's going on
in dentistry around the state and nation and
topics and resources relevant to dental students
and the dental practice. As a student member,
you have access to the Members Only areas of
modental.org. Login with your ADB number.

YEAT 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
MDA Annual Session & House of Delegates
November
MDA House of Delegates in Jefferson City
Mid Continent Dental Congress in St. Louis

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.

Help when you need it.

Dental 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.
- ADA Support: The MDA New Dentist Committee sponsors a MDA student liaison to attend the ASDA (American Student Dental Association) Annual Session.
- Board Exams: MDA provides lunch for students taking the dental board exams in April-May and MDA/MDIS compile 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.

The Real World

You just passed your boards and graduated….now what?

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/tip
• 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 UMKC School of Dentistry and AT Still University; a student representative from UMKC 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 Mo 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 (60% 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
  • ERISA Bonds

What’s Your Plan?

CLASSIFIED LISTINGS

How do you plan to practice after graduation? Will you become an associates, 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 practice and equipment for sale, and you can create your own listing too!