



December 2021

**Dear Missouri Dental Students:**

The **MDA Foundation Dental Scholarship Program** is now open to receive applications. A few changes are being made for the 2022 application season including doubling the number of awards from three to six. The MDA is committed to supporting its future dentists. The six **\$5,000** scholarships are for the 2022-2023 academic year. They are competitive and will be based upon a matrix of leadership, future vision and scholarly achievement. The 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 **Friday, February 11, 2022**.

***Eligibility***

- Students must be entering their 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> year of dental school in fall 2022.
- 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.

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**Applications are due February 11, 2022.  
Recipients will be notified no later than March 30, 2022.**

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***Please carefully review the included application for specifics on:***

- Application Requirements (including Missouri 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 tells us the most about you and will account for 65% of the review process. Please submit your application single sided with no staples.

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

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

Sincerely,

Darren Mahaffey, DDS (UMKC 2005)  
Chair, MDA Foundation



## MDA Foundation Dental Scholarship Application

\$5,000 Scholarship for the 2022-2023 Academic Year

» Application & Supportive Materials Deadline February 11, 2022 «

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 2022 will be entering your 2 <sup>nd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> year of the program leading to a DDS or DMD 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 &amp; City:</i>		
<i>Graduation Year:</i>		
5. Have you received a previous scholarship from the MDA Foundation?	YES	NO
6. Dental School Graduation Year		

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

Required Supportive Materials Checklist
<p><b>Certified</b> copy of your dental school transcripts via secure email from the school or sealed transcript via mail. <b>*Unofficial transcripts are not accepted.</b> GPA is 15% of your score.</p>
<p>Completed Curriculum Vitae (CV) or resume. CV is 20% of your score</p>
<p>Completed Essay Question (included) as an attached, separate document. Essay is 65% of your score.</p>
<p>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 <a href="mailto:paul@modentalmail.org">paul@modentalmail.org</a>. Your signature below will serve as a release to use the photo.</p>

## 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. 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](http://modental.org).

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### 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 and materials 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. The College is comprised of dentists recognized for their leadership and contributions to the dental profession. Its emphasis is the promotion of ethics and professionalism in dentistry. 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, 2022. Scholarship funds will be paid as \$2,500 per semester for the fall 2022 and spring 2023 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 11, 2022 to: Mr. Paul Roberts, MDA Foundation, 3340 American Avenue, Jefferson City MO 65109**

The MDA Foundation is the charitable partner of the Missouri Dental Association working to create better oral health for Missourians through educational programs, access-to-care initiatives and community collaborations. The MDA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, improving Missouri Smiles since 1977. All programs and services are provided on a non-discriminatory basis.