

ADAA/DANB Scholarship Information

Overview

Applications will be accepted online through <https://danb-daa.scholarshipsplatform.com/>.

Applications must be received by **Oct. 30, 2025**, at **11:59 p.m. CT**.

Please read the application steps on page 2. We recommend that you prepare your responses before beginning your application.

Purpose

The ADAA/DANB Scholarship was established to help aspiring and current dental assistants turn their dental assisting professional development plans into reality. The scholarship is open to ADAA Student Members and Professional Members. The ADAA/DANB Scholarship Committee will select at least one scholarship recipient each year in each category. Scholarship recipients will each receive between \$250 and \$1,000. The committee will determine the amount awarded to each recipient.

Eligibility

To apply, you must be eligible in one of two categories:

Category 1: Student Member

- Current ADAA Student Member
- Dues-paying, in good standing
- At least 18 years old

Category 2: Professional Member

- Current ADAA Professional Member
- Dues-paying, in good standing
- At least 18 years old

ADAA or DANB employees, board directors or board trustees, scholarship committee members, or family members of any of these groups, are not eligible.

Evaluation

Applicants will be evaluated on their dental assisting career plans and their commitment to dental assisting. Career plans must be related to dental assisting to be considered.

Opportunity for All

ADAA and DANB actively seek to award scholarship funds to dental professionals from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences, as well as gender, age, race and ethnicity. We are committed to fair and equitable access and opportunity for all.

How to Apply

Please read through the steps below. We recommend you prepare your responses before beginning the application. You can save your application and come back to it at a later time.

Create your account

Go to <https://danb-dale.scholarshipsplatform.com/> to create your account.

You will receive a verification email to confirm your account. You can then start your application.

Enter your information

You will be asked to select the category under which you are applying. Then, you will be taken to a screen to fill in your name, contact information, and optional demographic information.

Provide your career plans

You will be asked to answer two questions related to your career background and future plans. We recommend you prepare your responses before beginning the application. **Please note, the use of AI is often obvious and will not improve your chances of receiving the scholarship.**

- Why are you interested in a career in dental assisting? (min. 150 words)
- What are your dental assisting career goals? (min. 150 words)

Describe your use of funds

Then, you will need to provide information about how you intend to use the scholarship. Scholarship funds may be used for professional development activities such as dental programs, courses, conferences, credentials, DANB exams or certifications, or ADAA Fellowship or Mastership. See page 3 for more details.

- If awarded the scholarship, how will you use the funds?

Answer the additional questions

You will be asked to answer additional questions related to ADAA membership and DANB certification. We recommend you prepare your responses before beginning the application. (50-250 words per question)

- Why did you become an ADAA member?
- What value do you believe the ADAA brings to the dental assisting profession?
- Do you feel DANB certification provides value to dental assistants? Why or why not?
- Do you feel DANB certification provides value to patients? Why or why not?

Submit the application

You will then confirm that you will abide by the scholarship agreement and you may submit your application. You must complete all required fields and submit by the scholarship deadline of **11:59 p.m. CT on Oct. 30, 2025.**

Use of Scholarship Funds

Scholarship funds can be used for professional development activities intended to advance the recipients' knowledge, skills or abilities in the oral healthcare profession. Activities should be completed or purchased between Jan. 1, 2025, and March 31, 2026. Examples of use of scholarship funds include:

- DANB exam application fees
 - **Details required:** Exam name and amount
- DANB certification reinstatement fee
 - **Details required:** Certification name and reinstatement fee amount
- Continuing education courses from any ADA CERP or AGD PACE CE provider
 - **Details required:** Course provider name, course title, description, number of CE credits and fee, and location and dates (if available)
- Registration for any state, regional or national dental conference
 - **Details required:** Conference name, location, dates, fees, and an agenda or summary of courses (if available)
- Enrollment in college courses at an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
 - **Details required:** Name of the educational institution, the name of the course or program, and a description (if available)
- ADAA Fellowship or Mastership award application fee
 - **Details required:** Fellowship or Mastership designation, when award application will be made, and amount of the award application fee and related costs to receive the award (e.g., ADAA Annual Conference fees or travel/hotel expenses)
- Open category, to be defined by applicant, if professional development activities do not fit into the options described above

Please note: Scholarship funds may not be used for ADAA membership or DANB certification renewal since they are considered basic professional responsibilities.