

ADAA/DANB Scholarship Information

Overview

Applications will be accepted online at <https://danb-dale.scholarshipsplatform.com/>.

Applications must be received by **Oct. 23, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. CT**. Please read the application steps outlined in this packet. We recommend that you prepare your responses before beginning the 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 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 Student Member of the American Dental Assistants Association
- Dues-paying, in good standing
- At least 18 years old

Category 2: Professional Member

- Current Professional Member of the American Dental Assistants Association
- 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 ineligible. Recipients of any previous DANB or DALE Foundation scholarships are also ineligible.

Use of Scholarship Funds

Scholarship funds can be used for professional development activities intended to advance the recipients' knowledge, skills or abilities in the dental assisting profession.

Recipients will be reimbursed for an eligible activity in which they are already enrolled or registered between Jan. 1, 2026, and March 31, 2027. The scholarship can also be used for reimbursement for DANB exams purchased after Jan. 1, 2026, or a voucher to be used by March 31, 2027.

You will be asked to upload one of these accepted forms of documentation related to your use of funds activity:

- **College or university:** Official transcript, acceptance letter, invoice, or receipt.
- **Continuing education course:** Certificate of completion, registration confirmation, invoice, or receipt.

- **Conference:** Registration confirmation or receipt.

If you are selecting a **DANB exam** or **ADAA Fellowship or Mastership**, you will confirm if you are requesting reimbursement for an activity you have already completed or a voucher for an activity you intend to complete.

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.

How to Apply

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

Create your account

Visit <https://danb-dale.scholarshipsplatform.com/> and create your account. You will receive a verification email to confirm your account. Then, you can start your application.

Enter your information

Select the category for 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 questions related to your career background and future plans. **Please note that 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)
- How will this scholarship support your career? (min. 150 words)
- How have ADAA and DANB impacted your dental assisting career? (min. 150 words)

Describe your use of funds

Provide information about how you intend to use the scholarship. Scholarship funds may be used for professional development activities such as college or university dental assisting programs, continuing education courses, conferences, DANB exams or certifications, or ADAA Fellowship or Mastership.

Submit the application

Confirm that you will abide by the scholarship agreement, and then you may submit your application. You must complete all required fields and submit by the scholarship deadline of **Oct. 23, 2026, 11:59 p.m. CT.**