



ADS-DANB-DALE Foundation Andrew Whitehead Education and Certification Scholarship

Overview

Applications will launch on Feb. 3, 2026, and will be accepted online through <https://danb-dale.scholarshipsplatform.com>. **Applications must be received by Feb. 27, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. CT.** Winners will be announced in May 2026.

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

Purpose

ADS, DANB, and the DALE Foundation share a commitment to the health and safety of patients and providers. We believe that every member of the dental industry plays an active role in providing safe, quality dental care. The ADS-DANB-DALE Foundation Andrew Whitehead Education and Certification Scholarship was established to provide infection prevention and control education and certification to dental professionals.

Use of Scholarship Funds

The scholarship is open to all dental professionals who meet the eligibility criteria. Applicants can apply in one of two categories for the opportunity to receive complimentary access to the [Dental Infection Prevention and Control Certificate](#) program or to the educational materials and exam to become [Certified in Dental Infection Prevention and Control \(CDIPC\)](#) or [Dental Industry Specialist in Infection Prevention and Control \(DISIPC\)](#) certified. Recipients also will receive one year of complimentary ADS premium membership.*

Category 1: Education (\$335 value)

- Dental Infection Prevention and Control Certificate program; approximately 12 hours of education and study time required from June-Dec. 2026
- ADS premium membership*

Category 2: Education and Certification (\$735 value)

- Dental Infection Prevention and Control Certificate program and DALE Foundation DANB ICE Review course; approximately 24 hours of education and study time required from June-Dec. 2026

- CDIPC or DISIPC exam; approximately 50-60 hours of education and study time required between June-Dec. 2026
- ADS premium membership*

**Valid for individuals who are not already ADS members.*

Which certification is right for you?

[CDIPC](#) is intended for individuals who practice clinically or manage, train, or consult individuals who practice clinically. [DISIPC](#) is intended for dental professionals who do not work in clinical settings.

Eligibility

To be eligible, you must have completed a minimum of 1,040 hours of work experience as a dental assistant, hygienist, therapist, dentist, dental practice/office manager, educator, consultant, trainer, sales or customer service representative, service technician, or other professional who manufactures or distributes products or services to the dental profession or dental inspector/investigator.

Current employees or family members of current employees of ADS, DANB, or DALE Foundation; or current members or family members of the ADS Board of Directors, ADS Foundation Board of Directors, DALE Foundation Board of Trustees, DANB Board of Directors, or ADS-DANB-DALE Foundation Andrew Whitehead Education and Certification Scholarship Task Force are not eligible.

Evaluation

Applicants will be evaluated on the quality of their responses, their commitment to lifelong learning, and their dedication to providing safe, quality dental care.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

ADS, DANB, and the DALE Foundation 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.

Tips

- Please ensure your responses meet the required word count to submit your application.
- Take your time writing your responses and share your unique story.

- Please note, the use of **artificial intelligence (AI)** to create responses is often obvious and will not improve your chances of receiving the scholarship.

1. Create your account or log in at <https://danb-dale.scholarshipsplatform.com>.

If you are creating a new account, you will receive a verification email to confirm your account.

2. Enter your information.

You will be asked to fill in your name, contact information, and optional demographic information.

3. Provide responses to professional development questions.

You will be asked to answer three questions related to your career background and future plans. We recommend you prepare your responses before beginning the application.

- Describe your background and journey to working in oral healthcare.
- (100 words minimum)
- Describe how you plan to use the knowledge gained through the educational materials and CDIPC or DISIPC certification. (100 words minimum)
- Describe your long-term career goals and how earning certification will assist you in achieving these goals. (100 words minimum)
- Describe your education and study plan to successfully complete the education and/or earn certification. (100 words minimum)

4. 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 **Feb. 27, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. CT.**

Scholarship Agreement

- I attest that I have completed at least 1,040 hours of work experience as a dental assistant, hygienist, therapist, dentist, dental practice/office manager, educator, consultant, trainer, sales or customer service representatives, service technicians, or other professionals who manufacture or distribute products or services to the dental profession or dental inspector/investigator. I understand that my scholarship application may be subject to an audit, and if audited, I will be required to provide documentation from my employer verifying my work experience. I further understand that if I do not comply with an audit or cannot provide requested documentation, my scholarship application will be withdrawn.
- If awarded a scholarship, I understand that to gain access to scholarship educational materials, I must complete a participation agreement and attend or watch the scholarship kickoff webinar by **June 22, 2026**.

- If awarded a scholarship, I understand I will have access to the educational materials (Dental Infection Prevention and Control Certificate program and DALE Foundation DANB ICE Review) for six months.
- If awarded an education and certification scholarship, I understand that I must complete educational requirements by the specified deadline to earn access to the certification exam. Once education is completed, I will receive a code to apply for the CDIPC or DISIPC exam. Once the exam application is approved, I must schedule the exam within 60 days per DANB testing requirements. I will adhere to this timeline and all policies outlined in the [Exam Information Packet](#). If I do not schedule the exam within the 60-day time period, or if I miss or fail the exam, I am responsible for any additional exam-related fees.
- I understand the CDIPC and DISIPC certifications require [annual renewal](#), including complete of six continuing education (CE) credits in infection control and an annual recertification fee of \$50. Costs related to renewal are NOT provided as part of this scholarship.
- I agree to allow my name, photo, and/or statements submitted in the scholarship application to be used in scholarship- and marketing-related communications from ADS, DANB, and the DALE Foundation.