

DANB/DALE Foundation Scholarship

Purpose

The DANB/DALE Foundation Scholarship was established to support aspiring and early career dental assistants in their careers and to support the communities they serve.

Eligibility

The scholarship is open to aspiring and early career dental assistants. Applicants may apply through one of the two categories. All applicants must be at least 16 years old.

- **Prospective or entry-level:** Open to current dental assisting students or dental assistants with 0-2 years of experience in dentistry.
- **Early career:** Currently working as a dental assistant with 3-5 years of experience.

Current DANB or DALE Foundation employees, board members, scholarship committee members, or family members of any of the aforementioned groups are not eligible. Recipients of any previous DANB or DALE Foundation scholarships are also ineligible.

Use of Funds

Scholarship funds may be used in these categories:

- DANB exams
- DALE Foundation review courses for DANB exams
- DALE Foundation practice tests for DANB exams

Evaluation

Scholarship applicants will be evaluated on their career development plans, their commitment to the dental assisting profession, and their efforts to advance oral health among their communities.

Awarding Funds

There will be at least one recipient in each category. Recipients will receive vouchers or reimbursements between \$250 and \$1,000. The scholarship committee will determine the recipients and funds awarded.

When applying, you will select your award preference:

- Reimbursement for a DANB exam you passed after Jan. 1, 2026.
- Voucher for a DANB exam that you plan to take by Dec. 31, 2026.

The scholarship can also be used for reimbursement for DALE Foundation review courses and practice tests for DANB exams purchased after Jan. 1, 2026, or a voucher to use by Dec. 31, 2026.

DANB and the DALE Foundation actively seek to award scholarship funds to dental professionals from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. We are committed to 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. Applications must be received by the scholarship deadline of **May 4, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. CT.**

Create your account.

Visit <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.

Answer the application questions.

You will be asked to answer questions related to your interest in dental assisting, future goals, and the ways in which you will advance diversity, equity, and inclusion among dental assistants and the populations they serve. We recommend preparing your responses before beginning the application.

- Why are you interested in a career in dental assisting? (100 words minimum)
- What are your dental assisting career goals? (min. 100 words)
- If awarded the scholarship, which exam have you taken or do you plan to take? Explain why you selected this exam and how it will help you advance your career goals or support oral health in your community. (100 words minimum)
- How have your background and experiences contributed to who you are and your pursuit of a career in dental assisting? (100 words minimum)

Please note that if your responses do not meet the minimum word count, you will not be able to submit your application.

Submit the application.

Check the scholarship agreement, complete all required fields, and submit your application by the scholarship deadline of **May 4, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. CT.**