

## Liz Koch Memorial Scholarship

### Overview

Applications will be accepted online through <https://danb-dale.scholarshipsplatform.com/>. Applications must be received by **May 4, 2026, 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 Liz Koch Memorial Scholarship was established to help dental professionals advance their continuing education and achieve their career goals. The scholarship is open to all dental assistants, DANB certificants, and other oral healthcare professionals. Scholarship recipients will each receive between \$250 and \$1,000. The committee will determine the amount awarded to each recipient.

### Eligibility

All dental assistants, students, and other dental professionals are eligible. There are two categories:

- Less than 3 years of dental work experience (including students)
- Three or more years of dental work experience

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

### Use of Funds

Scholarship funds may be used for education such as school tuition, course fees, DANB certifications, or conference fees. Recipients will be reimbursed for an eligible activity in which they are already enrolled or registered between Jan. 1, 2026, and Dec. 31, 2026.

### Evaluation

Applicants will be evaluated on the quality of their professional development plans, their commitment to lifelong learning, and their dedication to promoting oral health or oral healthcare professions.

## How to Apply

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

### 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.

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 professional development plans.

You will answer 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. (minimum 100 words)
- Describe your plan for professional development. (minimum 100 words)
- How will this scholarship support your career? (minimum 100 words)

### Use of Funds

Provide information about how you intend to use the scholarship. Scholarship funds may be used for education such as school tuition, course fees, or conference fees.

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

- **School:** Official transcript, acceptance letter, invoice, or receipt.
- **Course:** Certificate of completion, registration confirmation, invoice, or receipt.
- **DANB certification:** DANB certificate. If you are applying for an exam voucher, you may upload information about the exam you plan to take.
- **Conference:** Registration confirmation or receipt.

### Submit the application.

- Confirm that you will abide by the scholarship agreement and submit your application. You must complete all required fields and submit by the scholarship deadline of **May 4, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. CT.**