

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 advance diversity, equity, and inclusion among dental assistants and the populations they serve.

Eligibility

The scholarship is open to aspiring and early-career dental assistants who are advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion among dental assistants and the populations they serve.

Applicants may apply through one of two categories. All applicants must be at least 16 years old.

- **Student category:** Open to prospective or current dental assisting students
- **Early-career category:** Currently working as a dental assistant with less than 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.

Use of Funds

Scholarship funds may be used in the categories listed below. Funds must be used by Dec. 31, 2024.

- Dental assisting education (e.g., tuition, online courses, study materials, textbooks)
- Dental assisting exams or credentials (e.g., state exams, state licensing fees, DANB exams or certification)
- Activities, programs, or services that support diversity, equity, and inclusion among dental assistants and/or will advance oral health among groups that have historically faced barriers to accessing care

Evaluation

Scholarship applicants will be evaluated on their career development plans, their commitment to the dental assisting profession, their role in enhancing diversity among dental assistants, and their efforts to advance oral health among groups that have historically faced barriers to accessing care.

Awarding Funds

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

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

DANB/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. Applications must be received by the scholarship deadline of **11:59 p.m. CT on March 4, 2024.**

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.

Answer the application questions.

You will be asked to answer four 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 you prepare your responses before beginning the application.

- Why are you interested in a career in dental assisting? (min. 100 words)
- What are your dental assisting career goals? (min. 100 words)
- How have your background, experiences, and/or identity (race, ethnicity, gender, socio-economic background, family, etc.) contributed to who you are and your pursuit of a career in dental assisting? (min. 100 words)
- In what ways do you currently or plan to advance oral health among groups that have historically faced barriers to accessing care? (min. 25 words)

Use of Funds

You will be asked to provide information about how you intend to use the scholarship. Scholarship funds may be used for dental assisting education, exams, credentials, or activities that will advance diversity, equity, and inclusion among dental assistants and the populations they serve.

- How you intend to use the scholarship funds?
- Cost of activities related to your use of funds: _____
- Upload any supporting documentation (optional)

Submit the application.

You will be asked to confirm that you will abide by the scholarship agreement before you submit your application. You must complete all required fields and submit by the scholarship deadline of **11:59 p.m. CT on March 4, 2024.**