

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.

- **Prospective or entry-level:** Open to prospective or current dental assistants or dental assisting students with 0-2 years of experience in dentistry.
- **Early-career category:** 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.

Use of Funds

Scholarship funds may be used in the categories listed below. Funds must be used by Dec. 31, 2025.

- 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.

Please note that expenses such as rent, transportation, scrubs, etc., are not eligible uses of funds.

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 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. Applications must be received by the scholarship deadline of **11:59 p.m. CT on Jan. 30, 2025**.

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)

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

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.

- Explain how you intend to use the scholarship funds. Include specific details, such as the name of the school, course, exam, certification, or program.
- Cost of activities related to your use of funds.
- Upload any supporting documentation (optional).

Documentation

Upload or enter documentation related to your use of funds. Acceptable documentation includes:

- Link to the website for the specific dental assisting education, exams, credentials or other activity
- Acceptance letter, transcript, certificate of completion, receipt or proof of payment for dental assisting education, exams, credentials or other activities

Submit the application.

Check the scholarship agreement, complete all required fields and submit your application by the scholarship deadline of **11:59 p.m. CT on Jan. 30, 2025.**