MAINE DENTAL ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

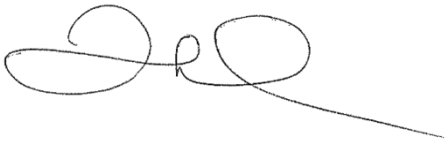
Dear Maine Dental Professional Student,

The Maine Dental Association Charitable Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2026 Alva S. Appleby Scholarship. We have enclosed information on the history of the scholarship as well as the criteria and procedure for the application.

If you would like to be considered for this scholarship, please complete and return the paperwork, including all supporting documents, to the Maine Dental Association either by email to Therese Cahill at tcahill@medental.org or by mail. Applications must be received by November 19, 2026. The applications will be reviewed by the Trustees of the MDA Charitable Foundation. Scholarship recipients will be notified by the Maine Dental Association.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Therese Cahill
Executive Director
Maine Dental Association

History of the Scholarship

In July 1995, the Maine Dental Association received a sum of money from the estate of MDA Past President Alva S. Appleby, "in trust...for the purpose of establishing a scholarship or scholarships for students from the State of Maine to attend dental school." Since 1995, MDA members have made additional voluntary contributions to the fund. The MDA awarded the first annual scholarship(s) during the 1997-98 academic years. Since only the interest will be used to provide the scholarships, the amount of the awards may vary, but will be at least $2,500.00.

In 2025, in the interest of support the education of oral health professionals, the Maine Dental Association Charitable Foundation voted to include dental hygiene students as eligible to apply for the scholarship.

Criteria for Applications

The Maine Dental Association Charitable Foundation will review the applications and choose the scholarship recipient(s) based upon the following criteria:

- Be from the State of Maine;
- Be enrolled in a dental or dental hygiene school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation or other American Dental Association approved program; and
- Have successfully completed the first year of said program.

Procedure for Application

Interested parties can apply online at www.medental.org or request a paper copy by contacting the office (see contact below). The application should be completed and returned by **Thursday, November 19, 2026**. In addition to the **completed** application form, please include the following to be considered:

- One personal reference
- Two dental/dental hygienist school instructor references
- A current school transcript
- A personal statement explaining your choice as a dental professional as a career and your future goals, stated in your own words and without the use of artificial intelligence (AI) or any other type of powered writing assistants.

Criteria for Selection

The Maine Dental Association's Foundation Board of Trustees will review the applications and choose the scholarship recipient(s) based upon:

- Academic performance
- Essay/personal statement

The recipient(s) will be notified by the Maine Dental Association when the grants have been awarded.

For more information, contact Therese Cahill, Executive Director, at 207-622-7900 or tcahill@medental.org.

Alva S. Appleby Scholarship Fund Application

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

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Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Married: _____ Single: _____ #of Dependents: _____

Name of father and mother or legal guardian: _____

Parents' address: _____

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What is your Legal State Residence, defined as your domicile for purposes other than education? _____

If you listed Maine as your legal residence, please provide years of residency: _____
(e.g.: 2000 – 2020)

High School: _____ Class: _____

Undergraduate College: _____ Class: _____

Major: _____ GPA: _____

Dental School: _____ Class: _____

School Address: _____

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School Phone: _____

Recent employment history: _____

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Extra-curricular activities: _____

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Honors/awards: _____

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Please provide a personal statement explaining your choice of dentistry as a career and your future goals: (attach additional pages if necessary.)

Return application with supporting documents to: tcahill@medental.org or Maine Dental Association Charitable Foundation, PO Box 215, Manchester, ME 04351 by November 19, 2026.