



Scholarship Program

2010

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2010 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

★ **Please read all instructions carefully before completing the application.** ★

This is the TDHA Scholarship Program Application Packet. You may be eligible to receive an award if you meet all the requirements. This is a competitive scholarship program.

Application materials should be completed and mailed **no later than December 11, 2009** to: Nikki Ulaszek Benjamin, TDHA Scholarship Committee Chair, 804 Franklin Drive, San Marcos, TX 78666.

The application documents may be downloaded from the TDHA website at www.texasdha.org.

All Applicants: Be sure to supply the individual who will complete the Faculty Assessment Form, Recommendation Form, or write a letter of recommendation with a copy of your Goals Statement as well as the scholarship for which you are applying. This will better enable this individual to complete the assessment or recommendation on your behalf.

Include in this packet are:

- o Application Instruction Sheet (pages 2-4)
- o Application (pages 5-8)
- o Financial Needs Assessment Form (page 9)
- o Application Checklist (page 10)
- o Faculty Evaluation Form Specific to Scholarship (Separate document)
- o Application Form Specific to Scholarship (Separate document)

Read all materials carefully. **It is YOUR responsibility to ensure ALL of the necessary materials are received by the Scholarship Committee Chair no later than December 11, 2009 (DEADLINE STRICTLY ENFORCED).** Use the enclosed checklist to assist you. You may contact the TDHA Scholarship Committee Chair, Nikki Ulaszek Benjamin, at (512) 667-7169 or mnulaszek@yahoo.com for additional information and clarification.

Primary Focus

The primary focus of the TDHA Scholarship Program is to provide financial assistance to dental hygiene students who can demonstrate a commitment to further the discipline of dental hygiene through academic achievement, professional excellence, and a desire to improve the public's overall health. *These scholarships are made available through the TDHA treasury and generous donation of Omega Seminars, Inc and the Texas Dental Placement Network (TDPN).*

All applicants **MUST** meet both the General and Specific Eligibility Requirements of the scholarship applied for as described below:

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Be enrolled in an accredited dental hygiene program in Texas;
- You must have a minimum dental hygiene GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale);
- Must be a Student member of the American Dental Hygienists' Association.
Applicant **MUST** enclose a copy of ADHA membership card with application.

SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY & CRITERIA

A scholarship is awarded based on how well the applicant demonstrates the goal or achievement described. Awarding of scholarships is strictly dependent upon availability of funds and the adherence to all other general and specific eligibility criteria. *Please read the requirements carefully.*

B. J. Long Memorial Scholarship

- Open to all Student members of ADHA
- Demonstrates leadership qualities
- Contributes time and effort toward projects that foster the goal of dental hygiene

Nancy Tibbets Memorial Scholarship

- Open to all Student members of ADHA
- Based on financial need
- Academic excellence
- Demonstrates leadership qualities

Nicole Eusebio Memorial Service Scholarship

- Open to all Student members of ADHA
- Service activities in school, community and/or faith-based entities
- Demonstrates leadership qualities
- Good academic standing

TDHA Scholarship

- Open to any Student member of ADHA
- Leadership in Student Chapter of ADHA at your school
- Participation in Student Chapter of ADHA at your school, local component, and/or TDHA activities

Texas Dental Placement Network Scholarship

- Open to any Student member of ADHA
- Based on financial need
- Participation in Student Chapter of ADHA at your school, local component, and/or TDHA activities
- *Sponsored by the Texas Dental Placement Network*

Omega Student Scholarship of Excellence

- Open to all Student members of ADHA who have completed one year of dental hygiene school
- **Minimum dental hygiene GPA of 3.5 or higher (on 4.0 scale)**
- Participation in Student Chapter of ADHA at your school, local component or TDHA activities
- Service activities in school, community or faith based entities
- *Sponsored by Omega Seminars, Inc.*

The *Career Goals Statement* MUST specifically address how the applicant meets the requirements of the scholarship for which they are applying.

Be sure to keep a copy of all scholarship materials including those completed by others. Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted.

The maximum amount for any one scholarship is \$500.



2010 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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A. General Information

1. Name: _____
2. Address: _____

3. Phone Number(s): Home: () _____
Cell: () _____
4. Email Address: _____
5. Marital Status: _____
6. Do you work to help pay for school? Yes No
7. If you answered yes above, please indicate how many hours/ week. _____

B. Degree Program

1. School name: _____
2. Are you in your final year of dental hygiene school? Yes No
3. What is your anticipated date of graduation? _____
4. What is your GPA (on a 4.0 scale)? _____

C. Student Member of ADHA Information

1. Are you a Student member of ADHA? Yes No

2. Are you a Student Chapter of ADHA officer or committee chair? Yes No

3. If you answered yes to the question above, please state your position(s).

4. Do you plan to join ADHA, your professional association, after graduation?
Yes No

D. Application Instructions

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E. Eligibility

1. You **MUST** be a Student member of the American Dental Hygienists' Association.
2. You **MUST** be enrolled in an accredited dental hygiene program in Texas.
3. You **MUST** have a minimum dental hygiene GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

Before continuing with this application form, be sure to read the *Scholarship Application Instructions Sheet* carefully in order to determine if you meet the eligibility requirements for this scholarship program.

December 11, 2009 DEADLINE STRICTLY ENFORCED!

F. GOALS STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Career goals:** *Briefly* describe long-term goals following graduation and intended contribution to the profession of dental hygiene.
2. The *Career Goals Statement* **MUST** specifically address how the applicant meets the requirements of the scholarship for which they are applying.
3. Use only the space provided below. Your statement must be typed, single spaced, and concise. Failure to comply with these directions may render your application ineligible.

Long-term career goals beyond graduation:

Intended Contribution to the Profession:

G. Scholarships

To be considered for a scholarship, you must meet both the general and specific eligibility requirements. You may apply for more than one scholarship; however no individual will receive more than one scholarship. **Indicate which scholarship(s) you are applying for by checking the box(es) below.** Read the Applicant Instructions Sheet thoroughly for scholarship eligibility requirements.

- B.J. Long Memorial Scholarship
- Nancy Tibbets Memorial Scholarship
- Nicole Eusebio Memorial Service Scholarship
- TDHA Scholarship
- Texas Dental Placement Network Scholarship
- Omega Scholarship

Application and all other application materials (see checklist) must be **received no later than December 11, 2009. DEADLINE STRICTLY ENFORCED.** Incomplete and late applications will not be reviewed.

H. AUTHORIZATION

I certify that the information I have provided within this application is true and correct. I hereby authorize investigation of all statements contained within this application. I understand misrepresentation or omission of facts is cause for disqualification.

I understand that applying for this scholarship means I **will attend** the Awards Ceremony to receive the scholarship should I be named the recipient. If I cannot attend, I will send a representative in my place.

If I am selected to receive this scholarship, my photograph may be used in the TDHA Times, the official publication of the Texas Dental Hygienists' Association. I understand that whether selected or not, my photograph will not be returned.

Signature

Date



2010 SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST

Following is a list of materials required by you. Please read the Instructions Sheets carefully for directions on proper completion of the application. All application materials must be received by the TDHA Scholarship Committee Chair by December 11, 2009. Incomplete and late applications will not be reviewed. Under no circumstances will the deadline be extended.

Please complete this checklist carefully when preparing your scholarship application, and retain it in your files for future reference. All applicants will be notified by the TDHA Scholarship Committee in February 2010 as to whether or not they have been selected as a scholarship recipient. Scholarships will be awarded during the 2010 TDHA Student Annual Session Awards Ceremony on Saturday, February 6, 2010.

CHECKLIST

- Scholarship application (must be signed)
- Faculty Evaluation Form
- Financial Needs Assessment Form (If indicated as required)
- Copy of ADHA membership card
- Copy of transcripts (does not have to be an official copy)
- Photo (No larger than 5" X 7" color or black & white; NO photo copies)
- Applicant has retained/ obtained a copy of all completed materials (even those submitted by others)

NOTE: It is the APPLICANT's responsibility to ensure that ALL application materials are received by the TDHA Scholarship Committee no later than December 11, 2009. **This is not the postmark deadline**, but a deadline of receipt. All materials must be received by December 11, 2009 or the entire application will be considered incomplete.