



AAP FOUNDATION

# AAP Educator Scholarship

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## BACKGROUND

Full-time faculty are the backbone of the dental professional educational process, bearing responsibility for predoctoral and postdoctoral periodontal education. Significant educational debt is a disincentive to talented, qualified individuals when considering academic careers. To address this concern, the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) provided a major grant to the AAP Foundation in order to establish the AAP Educator Scholarship program. These Scholarships are intended to diminish educational debt for future periodontal faculty.

## ELIGIBILITY

Applicants for the Educator Scholarships must have been accepted into, or must be current students in, a periodontal postdoctoral training program in the United States. Applicants are welcome to apply in any year of their periodontal programs. Recipients must be student members of the AAP at the time they receive the Scholarship, and must intend to teach full-time in a U.S. periodontal program upon graduation. Applicants for other Foundation scholarships and fellowships may apply for the AAP Educator Scholarships. Previous recipients of the AAP Educator Scholarship may not re-apply.

## AWARD

Each Scholar will receive an award of \$25,000 in two equal payments. The award goes directly to the Scholar and may be used in any way he/she desires, but is intended to reduce the individual's educational debt. Scholars may not reapply for additional years of funding. Scholars are required to spend one year as full-time (as defined by the institution) periodontal educators for each year they received Scholarship funding. If a Scholar fails to meet this teaching commitment, the funds he/she received will then be considered a loan. The Scholar must repay with interest the \$25,000 received. The Scholar will have 120 days from terminating his/her teaching career to pay back the loan in full with interest charged from the date of receipt of the funds and calculated at two points over prime.

## THE ROLE OF THE INSTITUTION

As the funds are to be used for debt retirement, the institution must not use the Scholarship to replace any stipend or salary to which the recipient is entitled. The program director or his/her designee must agree to mentor the Scholar and to encourage his/her educational career.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Completed applications must be received by the Foundation on or before June 1. The application may be completed online and e-mailed as an attachment, with supporting documentation mailed separately, or all materials may be mailed together. The application packet must include:

- Completed application form
- Dental school transcripts
- Periodontal program transcripts (if available)
- Curriculum vitae
- A letter of nomination from the periodontal program director or the designated mentor (if other than the director) that certifies he/she will provide direct and indirect guidance to the AAP Educator Scholar to assist him/her in pursuing a career in academics. The letter should also state that the program director or mentor agrees that the award is a supplement to, not a replacement for, any salary, stipend, research support, or other funding to which the student would normally be entitled
- Two letters of recommendation
- An essay of approximately 1,000 words which addresses the applicant's commitment to education

The applications will be reviewed by a selection committee appointed by the AAP Foundation President. Finalists for the Scholarship will be invited to attend a mandatory personal interview with the selection committee. The interviews will be held during the AAP Annual Meeting. Transportation and housing costs will be the responsibility of the finalist. If the applicant reaches the level of finalist, members of the selection committee may call writers of recommendation letters and individuals mentioned by name in the applicant's personal statements and/or application letters.

## APPLICATION FORM

Must be received by AAP Foundation by June 1

Complete form online, save, and e-mail as an attachment to [AAPF\\_ED@perio.org](mailto:AAPF_ED@perio.org).

Mail supporting documentation to:

AAP Educator Scholarship  
AAP Foundation  
737 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 800  
Chicago, IL 60611-6660

Questions? Please contact:

AAP Foundation Executive Director  
1-800-282-4867, ext. 3256  
[AAPF\\_ED@perio.org](mailto:AAPF_ED@perio.org)

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Dental school \_\_\_\_\_ Periodontal program \_\_\_\_\_

Name of department chair \_\_\_\_\_

Department chair phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Department chair e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

By submitting this application, you agree that if selected as a Scholar you will fulfill the commitment of one year of full-time periodontal teaching for each year that you receive Scholarship funds. If you do not fulfill this commitment, you agree to pay back the Scholarship according to the terms specified in this application and in the formal agreement.

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