The Ethics Scholarship Program of the American College of Dentists Foundation will periodically offer scholarships to dentists who are pursuing a graduate degree (masters or doctorate) in ethics. The scholarships are one-time grants, usually for $10,000, and not repetitive. Selection of scholarship recipients is competitive. The scholarships are funded from proceeds of the Dr. Cecelia L. Dows Scholarship Fund within the Foundation.

Eligibility

To be eligible to compete for a scholarship, individuals must meet the following criteria:

a. The individual must be a dentist and hold a dental license in good standing with an appropriate agency.

b. The individual must be currently enrolled in a fully accredited graduate ethics degree program (M.A., Ph.D., or equivalent) or have letter of acceptance into such a program.

c. The individual must be a member of the American Dental Association or the international equivalent for those dentists residing outside the United States.

d. The individual will have an impeccable ethical reputation, although exceptions may be made for a dentist who can demonstrate evidence of successfully overcoming an ethical breach earlier in his or her career.

e. Fellowship in the American College of Dentists is not required, although it is a factor that may be weighed when the applications are deliberated.

Candidates accepting a scholarship from the Ethics Scholarship Program must meet the following terms and conditions:

a. There is an expectation that the recipient of the scholarship will complete the ethics graduate degree within a reasonable time period. If circumstances arise which will prevent or significantly delay the awarding of the graduate degree, the recipient must notify the Executive Office of the American College of Dentists.

b. There is an expectation that the recipient, after graduating with the graduate ethics degree, will conduct C.E. on ethics and/or give presentations on ethics and contribute to the literature in dental ethics. Recipients are also strongly encouraged to seek leadership positions in dentistry.

c. There is an expectation that the recipient will submit at least one article to the Journal of the American College of Dentists for publication within two years after graduating with the graduate ethics degree.

d. There is an expectation that the recipient will support the ethics activities of the American College of Dentists.

e. The availability of funds supporting the scholarships varies from year-to-year and, thus, there may be years when applications are not accepted or when scholarships are reduced.

f. Half of the scholarship amount will be provided when the scholarship is approved. The other half will be provided when the degree is completed.

g. The application must be postmarked no later than February 1st in the year the applicant intends to begin the program of study.

h. The Board of Directors of the American College of Dentists Foundation, or a committee thereof, will review the applications and make final decisions on the scholarships awarded.

i. An individual approved for a scholarship agrees to give the American College of Dentists permission to use his/her name and accomplishments to help publicize and promote the Ethics Scholarship Program.

j. The terms and conditions are subject to change.
Applicant Information

1. Name: ________________________________________

2. Address: ____________________________________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________________________

3. Phone Number: ________________________________________

4. E-mail Address: ______________________________________________________________________

5. Where do you work and what do you do? _________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________________________

5. What is your status with the American College of Dentists?
   □ I am a Fellow in good standing
   □ I am an Affiliate Member of the ASDE Section
   □ I do not belong to the American College of Dentists

6. In which graduate ethics program are you enrolled or plan to enroll (use additional pages if necessary)? Please include the name of the university, location, department of the university, and department head.

7. Please attach confirmation of enrollment in or acceptance to an accredited graduate ethics program.

8. What graduate ethics degree are you seeking (e.g., M.A., Ph.D., etc.) __________________________?

9. When do you expect to graduate: ____________________________?

10. How will the scholarship help you complete your graduate ethics degree (use additional pages if necessary)?

11. How do you plan to use your ethics degree after graduating (use additional pages if necessary)?

12. Please include up to two letters of support with your application.

I submit this application for support from Ethics Scholarship Program. I understand the program and accept the terms and conditions stated above.

Signed: ________________________________ Date: ________________________________

Please return this application by February 1st to:

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