

WOLVERINE DENTAL HYGIENISTS' SOCIETY <u>The Albreta Merritt Dental Hygiene Instruments</u> Scholarship Award Application Guidelines

The Wolverine Dental Hygienists' Society Scholarship Fund is available for providing financial assistance to African American dental hygiene students attending **Wayne County Community College District** (**WC3D**), program of Dental Hygiene.

WDHS recognizes the growing need for minority dental hygienists, so it is our goal to promote, encourage and support the dental hygiene profession in order that the healthcare needs in the respective communities are met.

The Albreta Merritt Dental Hygiene Instruments scholarship, in the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500), is awarded to a first year student of WC3D for the purchase dental hygiene instruments and is based on the criteria listed below. The number of scholarships awarded in a given year is dependent upon monetary availability. (Other scholarships are available for second-year dental hygiene students in Wayne, Macomb, Washtenaw, Genesee and Oakland county professional schools, colleges or institutions. For more information, see your school financial aid office or write to WDHS at the address on the back.)

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

To be considered for a scholarship each student applicant must meet the following requirements. A maximum of two points is assigned to areas 1 through 4.

1. Financial Need

Submit the completed application to support the existence of financial need.

2. Grade Point Average

Submit an official transcript showing proof of having maintained a 2.5 average or above (based on a 4.0 grade scale), after having completed the required dental hygiene program pre-requisites. *1 point is given for a 3.0 (and below) grade point average, and 2 points is given for a grade point average of 3.1 and above.*

3. Recommendations

Submit three letters of recommendation. Please exclude letters from family members.

4. Autobiographical Data

Submit an autobiographical statement that reflects your reasons for selecting dental hygiene as a profession. Please include any positive contributions made to the community, church, place of employment, school, etc.

Additional Requirements

- 1. Applications must be postmarked no later than **July 31** of the current year.
- 2. Obtain a WDHS Student membership. Include the \$5.00 student membership fee with this application.

The Wolverine Dental Hygienist Society Scholarship Committee shall accept the application for review when ALL of the following requirements are met:

- 1. The application is completed, dated and signed.
- 2. The application is postmarked no later than July 31 of the current year.
- 3. The letter of acceptance for enrollment from the WC3D Dental Hygiene Program Dean.
- 4. The required three letters of recommendation.
- 5. The official dental hygiene pre-requisite courses transcript is received.
- 6. The WDHS student member application and fee are received.

The Scholarship Committee shall:

- 1. Review all qualified applications.
- 2. Maintain confidentiality of all information.
- 3. Select the scholarship recipient(s) by August 15 of the current year.
- 4. Issue the scholarship award check directly to the WC3D's official dental instrument company, no later than August 31 of the current year.
- 5. Notify the WDHS general membership of the name(s) of the scholarship recipient(s).

The scholarship applicant shall:

1. Agree to all guidelines as set forth in this document.

The scholarship recipient shall:

- 1. Accept the terms of the scholarship award.
- 2. Agree to participate with the WDHS organization.

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

WDHS Albreta Merritt Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 32286 Detroit, Michigan 48232