



WOLVERINE DENTAL HYGIENISTS' SOCIETY

The Alberta Merritt Dental Hygiene Scholarship Award Application Guidelines

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

This scholarship is in honor of the late Mrs. Alberta Merritt, a founding member of the WDHS, and a long-time instructor at WC3D.

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 **Alberta Merritt Dental Hygiene** scholarship, in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), is awarded to a student that is actively enrolled and participating in their second year at **WC3D**, for the purpose of supporting any new or outstanding financial debt attributed student's cost of attending the dental hygiene program, such as, but not limited to, tuition, clinic instruments, written and/or clinical boards, and other graduation fees, and is based on the criteria listed below. The number of scholarships awarded in any given year is dependent upon WDHS's monetary availability.

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 first year and is a current, active student in the second year of the program.

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 your community, church, place of employment, school, etc.

Additional Requirements

1. Applications must be postmarked no later than May 1 of the current year.
2. Obtain a WDHS Student membership. If not previously paid, please include the \$5.00 student membership fee with your application.

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

1. The application is completed, dated and signed.
2. The application is postmarked no later than May 1 of the current year.
3. The required three letters of recommendation.
4. The official first-year dental hygiene courses transcript is received.
5. ***The WDHS student member application and membership 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 June 1 of the current year.
4. Issue the scholarship award check directly to student, no later than June 15 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 c/o
Albreta Merritt Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 32286
Detroit, Michigan 48232