



# *Alliance of the American Dental Association*

## *Conference 2010 – April 16-18, 2010*

### **First Time Attendee Grant Guidelines**

For Conference 2010, the Alliance of the American Dental Association (AADA) has available **First Time Attendee Grants** thanks to the generosity of the American Dental Association. The grant program was established to encourage Alliance members to attend annual conference in order to learn skills and gain insight into AADA, preparing them for further involvement in dental health education, legislative activities and leadership positions. The grant includes complimentary registration and non-transferable tickets to several events, and reimburses recipients up to six hundred dollars (\$600) for travel and lodging.

**Deadline for submission is January 15, 2010.** The Grants will be judged and awarded by February 15, 2010. A committee comprised of AADA Trustees and the AADA Vice President will judge the applications.

#### **Criteria for Application:**

1. The applicant must be a member of the Alliance of the American Dental Association (AADA) including student spouse Alliance members.
2. The applicant must be attending their first AADA Conference.
3. The applicant must be willing to use the skills they gain during the Conference to serve the Alliance on the local, state, or national level.
4. Current members of the AADA Board of Directors and the Advisory Council are ineligible to receive this Grant.

#### **Conditions of Grant Acceptance:**

1. The recipient must attend all official conference related functions of the AADA Conference 2010:
  - Well Being/Membership Session
  - First Time Attendee/New Member Orientation
  - Reason to Smile Event
  - Legislative Breakfast
  - Membership Re-Charging
  - Beulah K. Spencer Luncheon
  - Dental Health Education Session
  - President's Gala
  - District Meetings
2. The recipient must submit a typed report of their experience at conference and original receipts (no points or frequent flyer miles) for expenses to the AADA Treasurer within 30 days following Conference 2010. *At that time, a check will be issued to the grant recipient.*
3. The recipient's report may be published in *KEY* or a state or local alliance or dental publication.
4. The recipient will register for Conference 2010 upon notification of being awarded the Grant.

#### **Please attach the following to this application:**

1. Personal statement. In no more than one typed page, tell us
  - Why you want to attend this conference.
  - What you hope to benefit from attending and how it will support the Alliance.
  - Why you feel you should be selected.Please include any factors you consider relevant to the Committee's decision; i.e., you are a new board, council or committee member or have committed to serving on a board, council or committee at the local, state, and/or national level during the next year; you have been responsible for a retention and/or recruitment program; you have managed or participated in a Senior Smiles project; or you are a MAL who has not had an opportunity to serve in any board position, but have or plan to actively participate in the areas of legislative advocacy or Dental Health Education, etc. You may also include information about your occupation/profession, community volunteer experience, interest, hobbies, etc.
2. A summary of your Alliance volunteer experience at the local, state, and/or national level, including positions you have held.
3. List any financial assistance you may receive from your local or state alliance.