



ODAA Bursary Conditions for Ontario Dental Assisting Program Students

The ODAA will grant four (4) \$1000 bursaries annually to students who are actively pursuing post-secondary education in an approved Ontario Dental Assistant program.

Bursary Eligibility

Applicants are required to meet the criteria listed below to qualify for the bursary:

- Applicants must be a current member of the ODAA
- Be enrolled in an approved Dental Assisting program in Ontario
- Have received a mid-term report

Eligibility Criteria

Below are criteria that will be considered in choosing the successful applicant:

- The applicant will exhibit an established academic and practical aptitude in their Dental Assisting program with at least an 80% overall academic average.
- The applicant submits the completed application form before the submission deadline with compulsory supporting documents.
- The applicant can adequately demonstrate dedication and commitment to the profession of Dental Assisting. This can be exhibited through active participation in academic, educational, and community service activities.
- Immediate family members of ODAA employees or Board Members are ineligible.

Bursary Application Requirements

Submission of ODAA Bursary application with the following supporting documents:

- An academic transcript that includes mid-term marks or most recent marks at least two months after program commencement. Academic marks should be at least 80% or higher in each course.
- Reference letter(s) with a recommendation from a Dental Assisting Educator in their program. This letter needs to be signed by the educator and on school letterhead with accompanying phone number of said educator.
- A letter in your own words to the ODAA Awards Committee (approximately 500 words)
 - ☐ Please detail your motivation to apply for this bursary. Explain why becoming a Dental Assistant is important to you and how you plan to impact the Dental field in your own way. Demonstrate your commitment to the profession by outlining the ways in which you have proven yourself to be a leader and been a contributor in community events and activities.
 - ☐ Please define a financial need as part of the reason for applying for this bursary. Explain how you will benefit from this bursary if you are selected. Are there unique circumstances upon which the committee should consider?
 - ☐ **AI Usage:** The ODAA understands AI can be used to generate ideas; however, we want to hear your authentic and genuine voice, perspective, motivations, and pride in your chosen profession shine through your letter. If AI is used, applicants must complete the rubric in the application form.

Application submission deadline is November 30 and May 31 annually. The ODAA will not accept any late submissions, those which are incomplete, or do not meet the criteria.