



Northlake Dental Association

Russell L. Westfall, DDS Future in Dentistry Scholarship Application

Committed to Developing Excellence in Dentistry

INSTRUCTIONS & GUIDELINES

About Our Scholarship

In order to maintain a license to practice dentistry, dentists must complete a minimum requirement of continuing education annually (currently, the state of Louisiana requires licensed dentists to complete a minimum of 20-continuing education hours annually). Prior to the internet, finding quality continuing education opportunities was a challenge and typically involved travel to major cities like Atlanta, Chicago, New York, etc.

Dr. Russell L. Westfall was a local oral surgeon and member of Northlake Dental Association, our local component society of the American and Louisiana Dental Associations. Dr. Westfall spearheaded an effort to bring quality, educational programs to our area so that Northlake Dental Association members, and non-members from the region, could have access to quality continuing education offerings, located close to home, at an affordable cost.

Many years later, Northlake Dental Association continues to provide its members with educational opportunities featuring world-class speakers on cutting-edge topics at non-profit pricing. This commitment to quality education benefits not only Northlake Dental Association members, but the communities in which they practice, the very communities in which this scholarship is being offered.

Each school year, a scholarship will be awarded within NDA's geographical region Tangipahoa Parish, Washington Parish and St Tammany Parish west of Bayou Lacombe. Awards will be presented during the winner's high school awards ceremony- winners will be notified in advance.

Eligibility

High school seniors who meet the following criteria: 1) Student resides within NDA's geographic region based on LDA defined borders (Tangipahoa Parish, Washington Parish and St Tammany Parish-west of Bayou Lacombe); 2) Student attends high school within NDA's geographic region based on LDA defined borders (Tangipahoa Parish, Washington Parish and St Tammany Parish-west of Bayou Lacombe); 3) Application must be signed by an active or retired member of NDA. 4) Student must be planning to pursue a curriculum related to obtaining degree as doctor of dental surgery or registered dental hygienist (or comparable degree for out of state students).

Completed Application

- You must use the official Russell L. Westfall, DDS: Future in Dentistry application. It must be dated and signed by a member in good standing of Northlake Dental Association, you and your parent(s) or guardian(s). Applications and all supporting documents must be in English or English translations. All applications become the property of Northlake Dental Association and will not be returned to you.
- **This application must be submitted to Northlake Dental Association no later than April 1st.**
- **ALL** information (documents, files, videos, etc.) submitted must include your **APPLICATION CODE**. The same code must be used as some part of the file name so that all information related to you can be identified by the scholarship review committee while protecting your privacy online. For example, if your code is 'Smile00' you will use that code in all submissions, such as "Smile00video" to upload your video essay, and 'Smile00app' to upload your application.

Video Essay Featuring Applicant

- Essay should not include personal identifiers (name, gender, location, etc). You may reference your application code in lieu of personal identifiers.
- Essay topic should pertain to dentistry and why you feel you are the best candidate to receive the scholarship.
- Maximum length 3.5 minutes

Exhibit Attachments (OPTIONAL)

Exhibit Attachments are optional, supplemental material. Include up to 10 attachments of documents reflecting achievement in scholarship, leadership, athletics, dramatics, community service or other activities. We emphasize quality of exhibits over quantity. Activity sheets, resumes, essays, etc., are not considered exhibits.

Independent Student

We will not accept an applicant as an independent student unless the student is or has been a ward of the Court. We require a copy of a Court Document or a Notarized letter from an appropriate Court Agency (Social Services) certifying such status.

Home Schooling

Home-schooled students are eligible to apply for the scholarship. However, all aspects of the application must be filled out completely.

Submission Instructions

- Deadline to submit: on or before December 31st of the calendar year prior to the year you will be graduating.
- **ALL** information (documents, files, videos, etc.) submitted must include your APPLICATION CODE. Applications and all related documents, videos, etc., will be submitted electronically through the Northlake Dental Association website, www.northlakeda.com, via the upload link on the "Community" page titled "Submit Scholarship Application".

Use this checklist to ensure that you are submitting all required items

- Completed Application
- Video essay presentation
- Official Transcript of Grades. Include a list of seventh semester classes. Seventh semester grades are not required
- SAT and/or ACT scores taken within the school year during which you will be graduating
- Exhibits (Optional)