



American Association of Public Health Dentistry Foundation

Herschel S. Horowitz Scholarship - Dental Hygienist

2026-2027

Scholarship/Grant Award

The AAPHD Foundation announces the Herschel S. Horowitz Scholarship for Hygienists for Academic Year 2026-2027. The scholarship is made possible through donations to the AAPHD Foundation and contributions from the family of Dr. Herschel S. Horowitz.

What?

\$7,500 Scholarship to support hygienists to pursue an MPH or equivalent degree accredited by the CEPH or other unique educational opportunities in dental public health. It is expected payment will be made to the school to offset tuition expenses.

Why?

The Herschel S. Horowitz Scholarship supports dental personnel pursuing Dental Public Health education in the US. Scholarship recipients are expected to pursue a career in dental public health.

Who is Eligible?

US licensed hygienists or hygiene students in US accredited schools, who have applied to an accredited MPH or equivalent degree or doctoral degree (DrPH, PhD) in a dental public health related area and a member of AAPHD. Preference is given to newer hygienists.

How?

Complete the application form and submit via email with supporting documents to info@aaphd.org

When?

The deadline is February 2, 2026, for the scholarship to be awarded for the Fall 2026 semester.

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

College: _____ Degree: _____ Year: _____

Dental Hygiene Program: _____ Degree: _____ Year: _____

MPH Program: _____ Year: _____

Other Program: _____ Degree: _____ Year: _____

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Below is a brief description of required documentation. For details of each component, please review the accompanying Request for Applications document on the following page

- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Statement of Dental Public Health Career Plans
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Proof of application to or letter of acceptance for enrollment into accredited MPH Program or equivalent degree or doctoral degree (DrPH, PhD) in a dental public health related area.
- Proof of AAPHD membership. 2026 membership status must be current at the time the application is submitted
- Statement of financial need.

February 2, 2026, to David Pena at info@aaphd.org

AAPHD
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AAPHD Foundation Herschel S. Horowitz Dental Hygiene Scholarship Request for Applications

The AAPHD Foundation was established to promote the future of dental public health education and science and to support the primary goals of the Association including:

- Promotion of effective efforts in disease prevention, health promotion and service delivery;
- Education of the public, health professionals and decision-makers regarding the importance of oral health to overall health and wellness; and
- Expansion of the knowledge base of dental public health and fostering competency in its practice.

One exciting opportunity that the Foundation creates for its members is the AAPHD Foundation **Herschel S. Horowitz Dental Hygiene Scholarship**. The Herschel S. Horowitz Hygiene Scholarship supports hygienists pursuing Dental Public Health education in the US. Scholarship recipients are expected to pursue a career in dental public health.

The scholarship provides financial support (up to \$7,500) for hygienists to pursue a Masters of Public Health (MPH) or equivalent degree accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) or doctoral degree (DrPH, PhD) in a dental public health related area. The scholarship is made possible through donations to the AAPHD Foundation and contributions from the family of Dr. Herschel S. Horowitz.

I. Who is Eligible?

US licensed hygienists or hygiene students in US accredited dental schools, who have applied to an accredited MPH program or equivalent degree or other unique educational opportunities in dental public health and a member of AAPHD. **Preference is given to newer hygienists. *Scholarship awards are contingent upon proof of acceptance into an MPH program or doctoral program.***

II. How to Apply:

Complete the application cover sheet and please include the following documents with application:

- **Curriculum Vitae/Resume.** Include current GPA, community service experience, and leadership in Dental Public Health
- **Statement of Dental Public Health Career Plans** post-graduation (*approximately 500 words*)
- **Two Letters of Recommendations** from individuals who are able to attest to the candidate's commitment to dental public health.
- **Proof of application to or letter of acceptance for Enrollment** into accredited MPH Program or doctoral program. If anticipated start date is different than on the letter of acceptance, please indicate when you plan to start or if you are currently in a program.
- **Proof of AAPHD membership.** 2026 membership status must be current at the time the application is submitted.
- **Statement of Financial Need** (*approximately 200-250 words*):
 - Current amount of academic debt after dental school.
 - Total anticipated tuition cost of MPH or equivalent degree program.
 - Amount of other scholarships or financial assistance you have received to cover your anticipated cost.
 - Other relevant financial information.