



Kansas Initiative for New Dentists Scholarship and Dental Education Loan Repayment Program

Are you interested in practicing dentistry in a place where:

- People know your name?
- There is no traffic?
- No business need for marketing budget?
- You play an enhanced community role?
- There is a dental practice opportunity?
- The outdoors is in your backyard?

Practicing in an underserved region of Kansas may qualify for added benefits—repayment of your educational loans.

The Kansas Initiative for New Dentists (KIND) Program

The KIND program is a joint program between the Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation, the Kansas Dental Association and the Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation, which collaborates with communities on the recruitment and establishment of a private practicing dental office that is located in rural, underserved areas in Kansas.

Who may apply for KIND Scholarships and Loan Repayment?

Dentists who are:

- Fully trained and licensed (or in process of becoming licensed) dentists and dental students
- Committed to serving in a rural or underserved area classified as one of Kansas dentist shortage areas (see designated map)
- Have dental educational or expected startup costs associated with a new practice
- Willing to be a KanCare Medicaid provider

What are the benefits?

- Qualified educational loans are repaid at a maximum of \$50,000 for a required three-year contract period
- Earn up to \$100,000 in dental school scholarships that pay directly to dental school expenses.
- Opportunity to build a diverse patient base

KIND Scholarship

Is a scholarship opportunity for students while in dental school. Dental students can receive up to \$25,000/year for dental school (\$100,000 total) for agreeing to practice in an underserved area determined by the KIND Advisory Committee. The sooner the student commits to the scholarship in dental school the more money they are eligible to receive: 1st year - \$100,000 total, 2nd year - \$75,000, 3rd and 4th year - \$50,000 total). A total award of \$25,000 requires a two-year service agreement, \$50,000 requires three-years, \$75,000 requires four-years and \$100,000 total scholarship requires five-years. KIND scholarship awardees also must agree to be KanCare Medicaid providers with an open panel of up to 35% of underserved patients.

KIND Loan Repayment

Annually offers a \$50,000 award for the repayment of dental education debt to be used over a three-year grant period. In return, the selected dentist agrees to practice in one of Kansas's designated dental shortage areas and to allocate 35% of patient services to underserved populations. The Loan Repayment Program was developed in 2012 as a collaborative effort between the Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation, the Kansas Dental Association and the Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation. The loan Repayment and grant program offers at least two \$50,000 awards per year.

For more information, contact:

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Application

Your application should include:

- Letter of interest (indicate any relationship to Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation, the Kansas Dental Association or the Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation or potential conflict of interest)
- Resumé
- Private practice setting description (owner, associate to buy, etc.)
- Licensure (or plans for licensure)
- Three letters of reference

Your letter of interest or additional document should include responses to:

- Why are you interested in practicing dentistry in an underserved area in Kansas?
- Describe your experience and commitment to serving a rural population.
- Describe your experience community and volunteer involvement.
- Describe the business plan of your dental practice and its feasibility.
- Describe your immediate and long-term professional goals.
- Describe any community matching funds or relocation incentive packages, if appropriate.

All applications are reviewed by the KIND Advisory Committee which include representation from the Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation board of directors, the Kansas Dental Association and the Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation

Applications are due **December 1, 2013**, reviewed in early December, and recipients will be notified in late December. Grant/scholarship payments may begin after the first of the year and then paid yearly/semester based on quarterly allocations throughout the grant/scholarship period.

Send application to: KIND Program
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