



Foundation for Endodontics Domestic Access to Care Program OUTLINE

Program Purpose:

Access to care was added to the Foundation for Endodontics' mission in 2016, to help support its work to save natural teeth for all through the efforts of endodontic specialists. Since then, it has developed an international access to care program in conjunction with the Henry Schein Cares Foundation. In order to provide the highest level of endodontic care within the states, the Foundation formulated the following domestic access to care funding opportunity. The goal of this opportunity is to aid AAE members in providing specialty level endodontic care to underserved patients within the United States. In addition to providing a high-level of care to a deserving population of patients, the Foundation believes this work will ignite the spirit of philanthropy among endodontists across the nation while helping encourage public awareness of the specialty. The Foundation encourages applicants to work with their endodontic colleagues (including practitioners and post-graduate residents).

The Foundation invites AAE members to apply for funding to provide free access to endodontic care to underserved patients within their communities. Applicants who submit a proposal detailing a well-designed project plan and all requested supplemental materials, will be reviewed and considered for funding.

Proposals may be submitted to cover the costs of endodontic equipment, supplies and other materials needed exclusively for an access to care project. Use of funds are to be outlined in a submitted budget. Funds may *not* be used to for the following expenses: salary stipends, equipment, materials and/or supplies to be used outside of the project and/or to recoup an organization's/institution's lost revenue from providing free services.

Funding is intended to support a program on a one-time basis. If a program is interested in continued funding, the project lead/applicant must apply for new funding each year. Programs are eligible for funding up to three times.

Eligibility:

- Applications must be submitted by the project lead;
- The project lead must be an active AAE member.
- The project lead and all participating volunteers performing endodontic treatment are required to be a graduate of or currently enrolled in an accredited endodontic program in the United States or Canada.

For funding consideration, applicants are required to submit:

- Completed application form (per guidelines);
- 2 – 3 page statement outlining the project, the need, the patient population it will benefit, the endodontists involved and details about how the project will operate. The following questions should be clearly addressed within the statement of intent:
 - Have you participated in this project before? Describe your previous participation.
 - Reason you selected/are creating this project:
 - Describe the treatment facility and clinical resources provided:
 - Are additional instruments/resources needed to provide high quality care?
 - What do you hope to gain from the experience?
 - How will your participation impact the population served?
- If working with an outside clinic or organization; a letter of intent from the partnering organization stating their support of the project and partnership.
- Detailed budget (using the provided Excel [template](#)), listing all equipment (quantities, specifics, etc.) needed.
- Detailed description of how patients will be sourced and triaged, how patients will receive restorative treatment, and how patient follow-up will be managed.
- A three-year projection of the impact of the project on the community served (How many patients will be seen; how many root canals will be performed?).
- If this project has previously been in operation, what was the overall impact (How many patients were seen; how many root canals performed)?

Other considerations:

The Foundation encourages applicants to investigate the following considerations prior to applying for funding. It is the responsibility of the project lead to secure these logistics.

- Is a legal agreement between yourself (other participants) and a partner institution (if working with one) necessary?
- If partnering with another organization (community clinic, non-profit organization, etc.) does that organization require credentialing?
- If residents are involved in the project: Are they covered by malpractice insurance? Is the school administration comfortable with the residents practicing outside of the dental school clinic?
- Where will you be getting your patients, how will they be triaged and how will they be treated in the future?

Timeline:

The deadline for applications to be considered for funding is August 1 of each year. The Foundation's Special Committee on Outreach will meet by conference call to select the candidate(s) for funding. All applicants will be notified of their status after the committee has an a chance to meet.

Reporting Requirements:

Once a program has been awarded funding, reporting requirements must be fulfilled in order to maintain good standing. Please remember that within 30 days of the conclusion of this project, you are required to submit a final outcomes report to the Foundation. For ongoing projects; on the 1st day of each quarter (January 1, April 1, July 1, October 1), the funded project lead must provide a progress report to Foundation staff.

Progress & final reports will ask you to provide the following details:

- Number of patients treated
- Number of procedures (listed by insurance code)
- Hours spent in the clinic
- Names, title, and clinic schedules of all project volunteers
- HIPAA Compliant photographs, testimonials and any other supporting material collected on-site throughout the duration of the project are requested and should accompany the final report.
- Financial update (Itemized list of funds used)

Progress & final report forms for this funding opportunity can be accessed [here](#).