Application Deadline May 31 for Four ADA Foundation Funding Programs

Eligible Candidates Include Early Career Dentists, Oral Health Researchers, and GKAS Program Coordinators

Chicago, May 13, 2019 – The application deadline is May 31 for four ADA Foundation award programs:

**Dr. David Whiston Leadership Award:** The ADA Foundation will present two $5,000 awards – the Dr. David Whiston Leadership Award and the Henry Schein Cares Dr. David Whiston Leadership Award – to early career dentists who have demonstrated leadership skills in efforts aimed at improving the oral health of the public.

**ADA Foundation Crest and Oral-B Promising Researcher Award:** The ADA Foundation will present one award of up to $5,000 to support a promising researcher pursuing a career in research that advances preventive dentistry. Eligible applicants include degree candidates enrolled in one of the following programs at an eligible institution: D.D.S. or D.M.D.; D.D.S./D.M.D. and Ph.D. dual degree; Ph.D. or equivalent; or M.P.H., M.S. or equivalent.

**ADA Foundation Dentsply Sirona Research Award for Dual Degree (D.D.S./Ph.D. or D.M.D./Ph.D.) Candidates:** The ADA Foundation will present one award of up to $10,000 to a dual degree candidate who is interested in pursuing a career in research that advances the oral health of the public. A "dual degree candidate" is defined as an individual pursuing both a D.M.D./D.D.S. degree and a Ph.D. either simultaneously, or in sequence within a period of five years from the completion of the first degree and the start of the second.

**Give Kids A Smile Community Leadership Development Institute (GKAS Ambassador program):** This program provides select GKAS program coordinators with grant funding to
subsidize travel and expenses associated with attending the GKAS Institute, where they gain the knowledge and resources to help them expand, enhance, or begin their GKAS program. Once GKAS program coordinators complete this training, they are eligible to become a GKAS Ambassador. The ADA Foundation provides a minimum of ten travel grants to a select group of applicants to enable them to attend a three-day training session in St. Louis, where Give Kids A Smile began.

Applicants should visit ADAFoundation.org for complete information including guidelines and eligibility.

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**About the ADA Foundation**

As dentistry’s premier philanthropic and charitable organization, the ADA Foundation is a catalyst for uniting people and organizations to invest in better oral health for all, together. The ADA Foundation annually provides grants, scholarships, awards, and facilitated in-kind product donations to programs that are in alignment with the organization’s efforts to advance oral health, expand access to dental care, and drive game-changing research. As part of these efforts, the ADA Foundation oversees the Give Kids A Smile® program and also oversees the ADA Foundation Volpe Research Center in Gaithersburg, Maryland (formerly the Paffenbarger Research Center). For more information about the ADA Foundation, visit ADAFoundation.org.