



The Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities *Awards and Recognition Program* was instituted to encourage the sensitivity and sensibility of the dental profession and allied health professionals toward the needs of persons with disabilities and special patient populations. It is designed to justly award and publicize the special projects, achievements and aptitudes of those individuals demonstrating a sincere interest in the needs of persons with disabilities.

The program seeks to recognize dental and dental hygiene students in any year of their education. The *Awards and Recognition Program* seeks to encourage development of enriched undergraduate dental and dental hygiene curricula, special projects and increased exposure in the area of management and treatment of patients with disabilities.

Awards are given annually by the Academy to those individuals or teams of individuals who have distinguished themselves in any of the several eligibility categories. Awards may be conferred by the dental school or dental hygiene program at the appropriate recognition ceremony. The award includes a certificate of recognition.



## ELIGIBILITY

Dental and dental hygiene students, individually or in a group of up to three students, may qualify for the award by demonstrating a sincere interest and concern for the dental needs of persons with disabilities and special patients while an undergraduate dental or dental hygiene student and

by meeting one or more of the following criteria:

1. Demonstrate a special research aptitude and competence in managing and treating disabled and special patients (i.e., disabled, medically compromised and unmanageable pediatric patients).
2. Write an original research paper or clinical case presentation worthy of publication during their undergraduate dental/dental hygiene education in the area of management, education or treatment of persons with disabilities and special patients.
3. Present an original table clinic or scientific presentation at a dental or dental hygiene school or a local, state or national dental or dental hygiene meeting relevant to the management, education or treatment of persons with disabilities or special patients.
4. Undertake a special research project for collecting research data or otherwise investigating a topic of special interest in the area of management, education or treatment of persons with disabilities or special patients.
5. Develop original techniques and methods for effectively treating, educating or managing persons with disabilities or special patients.



## SPECIAL NOTE

Please note that this is NOT an award for projects with geriatric patients since the American Society for Geriatric Dentistry sponsors an essay award in this area.

## APPLICATION NOTE

The Academy asks that this information be made available to all students. The deadline for application is April 2, 2007. Mail or fax applications to:

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