



AAP FOUNDATION

Dr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Kramer Scholar Award for Excellence

Purpose of the Scholar Award

The Kramer Scholar Award was established to honor the contributions of periodontal leader and legend, Dr. Gerald M. Kramer, and his wife Sylvia. The Kramer Award celebrates their lifelong commitment to personal and professional excellence by recognizing and rewarding these virtues in future periodontal leaders. The \$10,000 annual award was the first named scholarship opportunity to be announced by the American Academy of Periodontology Foundation.

Background

Dr. Gerald M. Kramer was an internationally renowned practitioner, teacher and lecturer—a lifelong champion of continuing education and excellence in dentistry. In addition to maintaining a private practice in Swampscott, Massachusetts, for 45 years, Dr. Kramer shared his broad knowledge with others during his tenure as professor and chairman of the Department of Periodontics at Boston University School of Graduate Dentistry, and more recently, in his role as co-director of the Institute of Advanced Dental Studies and co-editor of the *International Journal of Periodontics and Restorative Dentistry*. He has received numerous distinguished awards, including the Master Clinician Award and the Gold Medal Award, presented to him by the American Academy of Periodontology. But when asked of his proudest accomplishment, Dr. Kramer spoke of the number of students he had the privilege of teaching; he helped train more than 400 periodontists. He felt the accomplishments of his students would be his legacy to dentistry.

Equally important, throughout his long and distinguished career, Dr. Kramer relied on the unwavering support and counsel of his wife Sylvia. Students and professionals have benefited from her genuine interest in them and her warm hospitality. She was a motivating force for Dr. Kramer and an indispensable partner. In honor of their life of service, family members, friends and colleagues of the Kramers were proud to create this scholarship.

Eligibility

Candidates must be in their third year of an accredited periodontal program within the United States and must be nominated by the chairperson of the department.

Candidates should demonstrate a personal motivation for excellence in both character and academic achievement. Personal integrity, as exemplified by leadership, community involvement, and

concern for the needs of others, will be considered

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE APPLICANT

Application Form

Candidates must complete the application form using extra sheets where necessary.

Applications must be received by May 15th of each year.

Letters of Recommendation

Letters of recommendation addressing the applicant's character, integrity, and academic and personal achievements must be submitted.

They must include the following:

- 2 letters from professors or professionals in the field of periodontology
- 2 personal letters of reference

If the applicant reaches the level of finalist, members of the selection committee may call writers of recommendation letters and individuals mentioned by name in the applicant's personal statements and/or application letters.

Transcript of Grades

Application must include transcripts from dental school and postgraduate work.

Personal Statement

In addition to completing the application form, the applicant must write a personal statement of approximately 600 words using the following questions as a guide to explain why he/she should be selected to receive the Dr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Kramer Scholar Award for Excellence:

How might your teachers, colleagues, friends describe you?

Describe the most difficult challenge you have faced and how you handled it.

Why do you aspire to become a periodontist?

Which person has most influenced your life and why?

What does excellence mean to you?

At the end of your professional career, what specific images would you want people to have of you?

What are your plans for giving back to the specialty?

Academic/Personal Achievements

List any academic and/or personal awards or achievements you have received.

Work Experience

If you are currently working, indicate where and describe your title and responsibilities. List previous work experience.

Extracurricular and Community Activities

Discuss all activities in which you have been involved outside of the work and academic environment.

Materials Required

Please provide the following materials with the application form. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

- Completed application form
- 4 letters of recommendation
- Transcripts of dental programs and postgraduate work
These may be sent directly to the foundation
- Personal Statement
- Academic/Personal Achievements
- Work Experience
- Extracurricular and Community Activities

PATIENT CARE-CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION

The finalists will be asked to deliver a case presentation in the final interview.

Finalists will be notified by September 1st and must be available for personal interviews by the Kramer Scholarship Selection Committee immediately prior to the start of the annual AAP Meeting at the meeting location. The Scholarship recipient will be announced and honored at the AAP Annual Meeting.

APPLICATION FORM

Application packets must be received by May 15th

Mail to:

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Questions? Please contact:

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 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____
 Fax _____ E-mail address _____
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Educational Information

Perio Program Attending _____ Date _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Chairperson _____ Phone _____
 Anticipated Graduation Date _____ Degree to be Awarded _____

Dental Program Attended _____ Date _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Graduation Date _____ Degree Awarded _____

College/university Attended _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

This candidate has been nominated by _____ Chair, Department of Periodontology
 Date _____

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