To: Directors of School of Dental Hygiene with Baccalaureate Programs  
From: Dr. Sena Narendran, Student Awards Chair  
Date: December 8, 2015  
Re: Dental Hygiene Student Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Community Dentistry  
Deadline: January 4, 2016  

The American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD) cordially invites your School to participate in the Annual Dental Hygiene Student Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Community Dentistry. We hope you will choose to nominate project(s) for this competition. Instructions and guidelines for submission of project reports are as follows:

**Project Content and Procedure**

1. Each School of Dental Hygiene with Baccalaureate Degree Programs may submit a maximum of **two** separate nominations for this award. The nominees(s) must have completed their project prior to graduation.  
2. Each project should be an oral health program carried out in a community by the student(s) who must prepare and submit the following:
   a) A report documenting background information, a list of the program’s objectives and the procedures used, a summary of results and conclusions, and a discussion of the impact on the community as related to better oral health. Photographs, figures, forms/questionnaires or illustrated diagrams should be included where appropriate. The computer generated report should be double-spaced, limited to a total of 20 pages.  
   b) A structured 250-word abstract, 3-10 key words and source(s) of funding. Must be limited to 250 words (not including the source of funding).  
   c) A letter from the nominating faculty person outlining student(s)’ role in the project as well as student’s class level in the dental hygiene school. If the project involved human subject research, a copy of the letter from the Institutional Review Board must also be attached.  
   d) A cover page that **MUST** include the following contact information for each student author/nominee: full name, mailing address, telephone number and e-mail.  
3. Each project will be judged according to the following six guidelines:  
   - Originality and design of the project.  
   - Description of results and conclusions.  
   - Quality of the results (data) from the project.  
   - Level of student responsibility and leadership.  
   - Community value of the project.  
   - Demonstrated mastery of the subject.
First, second, and third place award winners are selected from submitted projects which have met the reviewers’ guidelines. These winners are invited to attend the 2016 National Oral Health Conference®, a joint meeting of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD) and the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD), where they will receive the award; an appropriate plaque, a one year membership in the American Association of Public Health Dentistry; electronic access for one year to the Journal of Public Health Dentistry (JPHD); and the opportunity to present their projects as a part of the General Poster Session on Monday.

In order to receive the cash award and travel allowance, the Student is required to attend the 2016 National Oral Health Conference® (complimentary registration awarded) and present their poster. Otherwise they will only receive the plaque, AAPHD membership and electronic access to the JPHD. Only one complimentary registration and travel allowance per project are awarded.

FIRST PLACE AWARD

The First Place Award winner will receive a cash award of $500 and an additional $100 to help defray the cost of attending National Oral Health Conference®. **Cash awards and travel allowance are only awarded to those projects presented at the National Oral Health Conference®.**

SECOND PLACE AWARD

The Second Place Award winner will receive a cash award of $200 and an additional $100 to help defray the cost of attending the National Oral Health Conference®. **Cash awards and travel allowance are only awarded to those projects presented at the National Oral Health Conference®.**

THIRD PLACE AWARD

The Third Place Award winner will receive a cash award of $100 and an additional $100 to help defray the cost of attending the National Oral Health Conference®. **Cash awards and travel allowance are only awarded to those projects presented at the National Oral Health Conference®.**

DETAILS

- The National Oral Health Conference® will be held on April 18-20, 2016, in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- The deadline for submission of nominees and supportive material is **January 4, 2016**
- All submissions for the 2016 AAPHD Student Merit Awards must be submitted online no later than **January 4, 2016**. No manual submissions will be accepted.
- Please visit the NOHC website for submission details; [www.nationaloralhealthconference.com](http://www.nationaloralhealthconference.com)

If there are any questions concerning this announcement please contact Dr. Sena Narendran by electronic mail: sena.narendran@case.edu