

# Dean's Award for Community Service

A STUDENT DRIVEN INITIATIVE TO RECOGNIZE AND PROMOTE DEDICATION TO COMMUNITY SERVICE

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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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The Dean's Award for Community Service was initiated by students to recognize and promote dedication to community service among students and faculty at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry (UMSOD). The program acknowledges the importance of community service activity among health professionals for the benefit of the community and the professional and personal enrichment of the participants. Engaging in community service provides UMSOD students with the opportunity to become active members of their community and has a lasting, positive impact on society at large. Community service enables UMSOD students to acquire life skills and knowledge as well as provide a service to those who need it most.

The community service hours that will qualify for the award must relate to improving the community throughout the state of Maryland. Activities are not limited to those focused on dental education and awareness; however, events that focus on promoting the UMSOD or a UMSOD student organization will not qualify, such as fundraising events.

Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) and Dental Hygiene (DHYG) students, who average 15 hours of community service per semester, will be awarded the Dean's Award for Community Service at graduation. DDS and DHYG students who average 25 hours of community service per semester will be awarded the Dean's Award for Outstanding Community Service at graduation.

There is a limit of eight (8) hours of the same community service event within any 2-week period. Community service events that are part of an externship, coursework, or the President's Leadership Institute are not eligible to count toward this award.

Students will be required to submit their community service hours to their class community service chairs within two (2) weeks from the date of the event during the current academic year. The senior DDS class should submit any outstanding community service hours for the current academic year no later than April 1.

The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) will work closely with UMSOD's Student Government Association (SGA) and meet regularly to discuss and revise program requirements and process as necessary. At the end of each year, the SGA and the Student Dental Hygiene Association (SDHA) community service chairs will provide OSA a list of those students who have achieved the benchmarks to receive the Dean's Award for Community Service.



**COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS EARNED FORM**

This form is to be used by student groups and individuals to document the community service hours contributed by School of Dentistry students. The logged hours count towards the Dean’s Award for Community Service and serve to recognize and document the students’ commitment to service and excellence.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Return completed/signed forms should be submitted to [Class Community Service Chair\(s\)](#) within two (2) weeks after the event has ended.

**Name of Event:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Event:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Event Organizer (e.g., UMSOD Student or Student Group):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person/Event Organizer (e.g., Manna House representative):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone/Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b><u>Student Name</u></b>	<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Hours</u></b>



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