



Frequently Asked Questions about the Ohio Dental Association Foundation

What is the ODA Foundation and how does it relate to the Ohio Dental Association?

The Ohio Dental Association Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the ODA, committed to helping Ohioans. Its mission is to improve the oral health of the citizens of Ohio and enhance the dental profession in the state. The Foundation is managed by a Board of Trustees and the Foundation Director, and assisted by other ODA staff.

What does the ODA Foundation do in Ohio?

Through donor support, the ODA Foundation helps make a difference for ODA members, future dentists and vulnerable populations in Ohio by awarding annual grants and scholarships. Since 1995, over \$743,000 has been given to future dental professionals and community dental programs in Ohio that reach out to the underserved.

How is the Foundation supported and managed?

The Foundation is financially supported and continues to grow due to the generosity of dentists and other friends of the Foundation, including the ODA and ODASC. Pledges, annual fundraisers and general donations are common forms of support. Investments are maintained in accordance with ODA investment policies, and with the philosophy of "investing prudently and with diligence while attempting to obtain a return on investment equal to or greater than the current inflation rate," as defined in the investment guidelines.

Can I donate on behalf of another person?

Yes. Donations can be made in recognition or in memory of any individual, and funds can also be established in memory or in recognition of. In addition to the Operating and Endowment Funds, nine named funds exist within the Foundation to which donations can be directed to. They are:

Akron Dental Society (Dr. James Claypool) Fund
Faith Barlow Fund
(Dr. Donald) Bowers Fund
Cincinnati Dental Society (Bev Fortner) Fund
(Dr.) Bob & Peg Hinkle Family Fund

(Dr. James) Mercer Fund
ODAF Board Fund
Ohio Society of OMS Fund
Nancy Siegfried-Burgess Fund

The ODAF is a 501(c)(3) organization as defined by the IRS and gifts made to it are deductible to the extent allowed by the law.

Are my donations tax-deductible?

The ODA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt corporation registered in the State of Ohio. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. Consult with your financial and/or legal advisor for advice on the best form of giving for you.

How can I give to the ODAF?

There are many ways to give to the ODA Foundation:

- When paying your annual ODA membership dues
- Participating in the annual fundraiser
- A donation made at any time during the year
- In support of a specific fund
- In honor or memory of an individual
- By pledging a specific amount and establishing a payment routine (one-time payment: monthly, quarterly, twice a year, or annually)
- Other types of contributions such as:
 - Appreciated Securities
 - Other Appreciated Asset
 - Planned Giving
 - Life Insurance
 - Charitable Remainder Trusts (annuity and unitrust)
 - Charitable Lead Trust
 - Charitable Gift Annuity
 - Wealth Replacement with Life Insurance
 - Wills
 - Estate Plans
 - Retirement Plan Assets
- Other

What are the criteria to serve on the Foundation Board of Trustees?

A willingness to volunteer and help the Foundation continue to grow and help fund dental causes in Ohio is primary. Board trustees are asked to serve by example in their financial support of the Foundation; they are involved in Foundation fundraising campaigns or events. Trustees serve a four-year term, and can serve three consecutive terms on the Board. The Board meets four times a year, with two meetings at the ODA office and two by conference call.

How can I learn more?

Contact the Foundation director at (614) 486-2700, or visit us online at <http://oda.org/community-involvement/oda-foundation/>.