



SUPER SMILES IN SCHOOLS GUIDELINES

Our Mission

Transforming oral health through collaboration, innovation, education, and service.

Each year, Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation (DDARF) provides financial support to organizations to help further our mission. We encourage community-based programs in Arkansas to apply for grants for programs designed to improve oral health.

Grant-Making Focus

We support initiatives that prioritize oral health issues through education and treatment and are committed to health equity.

The Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation Super Smiles in School Mini Grant supports programs that are focused on oral health education and treatment in early childhood centers and public schools to directly impact early childhood, primary, secondary, and post-secondary students.

It is the intention that this funding help schools do one or more of the following:

- Provide oral health treatment, education, and disease prevention services
- Increase access to oral health services to underserved Arkansans
- Promote collaboration across a wide range of health providers in Arkansas

Grant Overview

DDARF's Super Smiles in Schools program provides statewide support to schools and other educational centers focusing on oral health education and services to underserved, uninsured, and/or underinsured Arkansas young people.

- Super Smiles in Schools Grant awards are up to \$2,500
- Organizations must be educational institutions to be eligible for this grant
- Applications are accepted from January to December (see submission deadlines below)
- Grant applications are reviewed on the second Thursday of every month by our Review Committee
- Grant recipients will be notified of decisions via email
- Final reports for approved applications are required 30 days after the project end date
- Applicants must be an Arkansas-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit, educational facility, or school - we do not provide grants directly to individuals
- Eligible organizations may submit only one Super Smiles in School proposal per year
- Oral health programs must benefit underserved, uninsured, and/or underinsured Arkansans

Funds May Be Used For:

- Program specific administrative/staffing costs
- Capital needs (equipment, supplies, one-time expenses)
- Dental clinic treatment expenses
- Programmatic operational expenses

Typically Not Funded:

- Direct dental staff salaries or third-party dental payments to providers
- Individuals – grants must be awarded to an eligible organization
- Fundraising events/sponsorships
- Private foundations and endowments
- Reduction of organizational debt
- Excessive salary costs, travel, or incentives/gifts
- Programs that discriminate on any basis

Grant applications will be assessed based on 1) the clarity of how the proposed project will be carried out, 2) its potential impact on the oral health of Arkansans, and 3) the subjective analysis of the Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation's staff, grant review committee, and board of directors. The Foundation's funding decisions are final and shall not be subject to appeal.

Thank you for your interest in the Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation Super Smiles in School Program. We commend you for your efforts to improve oral health care throughout the state of Arkansas.

2025 Super Smiles in Schools Submission Deadlines

Submission Deadline	Evaluation Date	Decision Notification Date
January 3	January 9	January 10
February 7	February 13	February 14
March 7	March 13	March 14
April 4	April 10	April 11
May 2	May 8	May 9
June 6	June 12	June 13
July 4	July 10	July 11
August 1	August 7	August 8
September 5	September 11	September 12
October 3	October 9	October 10
November 7	November 13	November 14
December 5	December 11	December 12

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