



Consider applying for the **McKenna Urban Health Professions Scholarship**. The application materials are due by **Thursday, March 19, 2026**. If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact the Health Professions Office well in advance of this deadline.

Eligible candidates who would like to be considered for the McKenna scholarship must submit the following:

Submit one short essay (no more than 250 words total) answering the following questions:

- Why do you want to attend dental school and become a dentist?
- How do you hope to impact your patients, the profession and society in general as a dentist?

Submit a list of experiences (expanded resume): include current involvement in an underserved urban setting by volunteerism, work, internships, research and/or ministry.

The **McKenna Urban Pre-Dental Health Professions Scholarship** can be awarded to two junior students toward their senior year (2026-2027) tuition. Eligibility is defined by:

- *Being a current junior standing (must be a junior in terms of years of college, not by credit hours)*
- *Pursuing a future career in dentistry*
- *Having at least a 3.3 GPA*
- *Planning to pursue a career in an underserved urban setting or international service*

Expectations

Expectations for the Essay

A strong essay, shows the reader your motivation instead of simply “telling.” The essay should demonstrate good writing skills. The essay must be 1 ½ or double spaced (not single spaced) and 11 or 12 pt. font. For some scholarships, a copy of the recipient’s essay may be shared with the donor.

Expectations for a List of Experiences (Expanded Resume)

This document aids the committee by providing a profile of your experiences (examples: volunteer and/or community service, research, college activities/clubs, shadowing/observation, employment, etc.). Please include the approximate hours (each week or month) for each experience. You are welcome to include activities that do not directly apply to dental/healthcare. *Note: It can be longer than one page. Clear articulation of the responsibilities/skills of the experience is important.*

Application

Complete the online Health Professions Student Registration Form and submit essay and list of experiences [HERE](#).

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