

## Dentsply Sirona and Foundation for Endodontics Announce Winners of the Transformative 2024 Freedom Scholarship

**Clinical education is a pillar of Dentsply Sirona's mission and vision to transform dentistry and help dental professionals move forward with confidence. The Freedom Scholarship, a collaboration with the Foundation for Endodontics, provides substantial financial assistance to endodontic residents, addressing the significant student loan debt faced by dental specialists.**

**Charlotte, N.C., November 25, 2024.** Dentsply Sirona and the Foundation for Endodontics are proud to announce the three winners of The Freedom Scholarship that supports the next generation of endodontic specialists.

This year's winners were announced at AAE's Advanced Programs in Clinical Endodontics Symposium (APICES) in Austin, Texas. They are:

- Dr. Chloe Beninati, Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine
- Dr. Andrew Sullivan, Indiana University School of Dentistry
- Dr. Brittney Brown, University of Southern California Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry

Dentsply Sirona has committed to investing \$750,000 over the next five years (\$150,000 annually) to support the scholarship. The Foundation of Endodontics manages the application and selection process. Three students who have performed well in dental school and endodontic residency programs are each awarded a one-time \$50,000 scholarship.

"With incredibly generous support from Dentsply Sirona, the Foundation for Endodontics is honored to award three \$50,000 scholarships to endodontic residents, aiding them financially in their pursuit of endodontic excellence," said Foundation President Dr. Patricia Tordik. "This initiative aligns with our mission to advance education and improve patient care within the field of endodontics. By providing substantial financial support, we aim to empower talented endodontic residents to pursue their passion without the overwhelming burden of student debt."

### **Key Features of the Foundation for Endodontics and Dentsply Sirona Freedom Scholarship:**

- **Five-Year Commitment:** Dentsply Sirona has pledged a five-year commitment, contributing annually to the Foundation for Endodontics, which will manage the scholarship recipient selection process and fund distribution.
- **Annual Awards:** Each year, three meritorious endodontic residents will receive a one-time \$50,000 scholarship to assist them with the cost of tuition, courses, equipment, books and other training-related expenses.
- **Eligibility Criteria:** Candidates must be post-graduate residents of CODA-accredited endodontic programs in the United States or Canada. They must also be citizens or permanent residents of these countries, with a GPA of 3.1 or higher in dental school and endodontic residency.

- **Application Process:** The application process includes an online form, a personal statement, two letters of recommendation, official transcripts, and documentation of tuition and fees.

“We are honored to help The Foundation for Endodontics on their mission to advance education,” said Bruce Peatey, Group Vice President, Americas Regional Commercial Organization at Dentsply Sirona. “As the world’s largest manufacturer of professional dental products and solutions, Dentsply Sirona considers clinical education a pillar of our company’s mission and vision to transform dentistry and help dental professionals move forward with confidence.”

## 2025 Scholarships – Where to Apply

Applications for the 2025 scholarship opened Nov. 1, 2024. The Foundation for Endodontics encourages eligible candidates to apply and looks forward to the positive impact this scholarship program will have on the lives and careers of endodontic residents.

For more information about the Foundation for Endodontics and Dentsply Sirona Freedom Scholarship, please visit <https://www.aae.org/foundation/funding-opportunities/resident-grants>.

## IMAGES

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Fig. 1: Dentsply Sirona and Foundation for Endodontics announce a transformative Scholarship Program to help alleviate student debt for endodontic residents.



Fig. 2: Bruce Peatey, Group Vice President, Americas Regional Commercial Organization at Dentsply Sirona

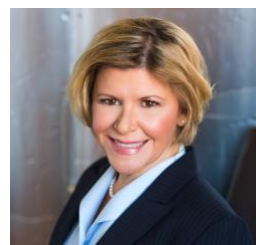


Fig. 3: Dr. Patricia Tordik, President of the Foundation for Endodontics



Fig. 4: Scholarship ceremony at AAE’s APICES meeting in Austin, Tex., on Aug. 16. Pictured (L to R): Dr. Andrew Sullivan, Dr. Chloe Beninati, Dr. Brittney Brown, Dr. Patricia Tordik (Foundation for Endodontics), Amy Warren-Kimbrow and J.W. Eidson (Dentsply Sirona)

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Dentsply Sirona's products provide innovative, high-quality and effective solutions to advance patient care and deliver better and safer dental care.

Dentsply Sirona's headquarter is located in Charlotte, North Carolina. The company's shares are listed in the United States on NASDAQ under the symbol XRAY. Visit [www.dentsplysirona.com](http://www.dentsplysirona.com) for more information about Dentsply Sirona and its products.

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## About the Foundation for Endodontics

The AAE Foundation was incorporated in 1966, as the philanthropic arm of the AAE; it is a 501(c)3 charity. Over the years, its mission and activities have evolved. Today, the AAE Foundation, nicknamed the Foundation for Endodontics, makes a lasting impact on the specialty of endodontics by providing resources to address needs, meet challenges and realize dreams for the future. Learn more at [aee.org/foundation](http://aee.org/foundation).