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Participant Support
◇ A stipend to cover food, transportation and miscellaneous expenses.
◇ Tuition, fees and books for 2 college courses.
◇ Clinic and laboratory supplies.
◇ Notebooks and other instructional materials.
Program Objectives

The four-week SPEP Collegiate I will provide graduating high school students with an interest in dentistry an opportunity to:

◊ Become familiar with the college environment
◊ Learn more about and broaden their interest in dentistry
◊ Start preparing for the Dental Admissions Test (DAT)

Selection Process

A selection committee, composed of the Program Director and Program Faculty, will review all applications and interview up to 25 applicants.

Students must have applied to college before applying to SPEP Collegiate I.

To be selected, applicants must have been accepted into college.

Number of Participants

A minimum of ten (10) applicants will be selected.

Program Requirements

To be eligible for this program, applicants must:

◊ Have an interest in dentistry
◊ Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident with a social security number
◊ Attend a Dallas-area school
◊ Complete an interview with program staff
◊ Provide an official high school transcript documenting a grade point average of 2.75 or 77.5 or higher
◊ Submit an application, including an essay explaining why they want to participate in the program
◊ Submit two letters of recommendation from science or math teachers and/or counselors
◊ Sign a contract committing to participate in all required project activities
◊ Have the first and second injections of the Hepatitis B vaccination series completed before attending the program.
◊ Demonstrate a strong desire to work with underserved populations or communities with limited access to dental health care
◊ Have been accepted into college at time of selection (must provide copy of acceptance letter)
◊ Be a member of a dentaly underserved population and/or from a disadvantaged background. Demonstrate a strong potential of working with underserved populations or communities with limited access to dental health care.

*Note: An academically disadvantaged individual is one who comes from an environment that has inhibited the individual from obtaining the knowledge, skill and ability to enroll in and graduate from a health professions school (Examples: 1st generation to earn baccalaureate degree; English is a second language; resident of financially poor school district, attended low-performing high school; middle or high school home responsibility; single parent family; nontraditional student, including older age; employment while attending college; overcome or is experiencing extreme hardship; resident of a county designated as underserved by health professionals; resident of lowest 10% per capita income county. An economically disadvantaged individual is one who comes from a family with an annual income below a level based on low-income thresholds according to family size, published by the U.S. Bureau in the Federal Register, and adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index.

Program Curriculum

The curriculum for the four-week program consists of:

◊ Two courses at Mountain View Community College
◊ Observing/shadowing dental students
◊ Pre-Clinical Dentistry Course
◊ Pre-DAT Course
◊ Learning Strategies Seminars
◊ Cultural Competence Seminar
◊ Feedback Sessions

START DATE: JUNE 6, 2016
END DATE: JULY 8, 2016
APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 26, 2016
INTERVIEWS: MARCH 14-18, 2016
NOTIFICATION DATE NO LATER THAN March 28, 2016
ORIENTATION DATE JUNE 3, 2016