

Dr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Kramer Scholar Award for Excellence



PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLAR AWARD

The Kramer Scholar Award was established to honor the contributions of periodontal leader and legend, Dr. Gerald M. Kramer, and his wife Sylvia. The Kramer Award celebrates their lifelong commitment to personal and professional excellence by recognizing and rewarding these virtues in future periodontal leaders. The \$10,000 annual award was the first named scholarship announced by the American Academy of Periodontology Foundation.

BACKGROUND

Dr. Gerald M. Kramer was an internationally renowned practitioner, teacher and lecturer—a lifelong champion of continuing education and excellence in dentistry. In addition to maintaining a private practice in Swampscott, Massachusetts, for 45 years, Dr. Kramer shared his broad knowledge with others during his tenure as professor and chairman of the Department of Periodontics at Boston University School of Graduate Dentistry, and more recently, in his role as co-director of the Institute of Advanced Dental Studies and co-editor of the *International Journal of Periodontics and Restorative Dentistry*. He received numerous distinguished awards, including the Master Clinician Award and the Gold Medal Award, presented to him by the American Academy of Periodontology. But when asked of his proudest accomplishment, Dr. Kramer spoke of the number of students he had the privilege of teaching; he helped train more than 400 periodontists. He felt the accomplishments of his students would be his legacy to dentistry.

Equally important, throughout his long and distinguished career, Dr. Kramer relied on the unwavering support and counsel of his wife Sylvia. Students and professionals have benefited from her genuine interest in them and her warm hospitality. She was a motivating force for Dr. Kramer and an indispensable partner. In honor of their life of service, family members, friends and colleagues of the Kramers were proud to create this scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates must be in their third year of an accredited periodontal program within the United States and must be nominated by the chairperson of the department. Candidates should demonstrate a personal motivation for excellence in both character and academic achievement. Personal integrity, as exemplified by leadership, community involvement, and concern for the needs of others, will be considered.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE APPLICANT

Application Form

Completed applications must be received by the Foundation on or before May 15. The application may be completed online and e-mailed with supporting documentation mailed separately, or all of the following materials may be mailed with the application.

Letters of Recommendation

Letters of recommendation addressing the applicant's character, integrity, and academic and personal achievements, including:

- 2 letters from professors or professionals in the field of periodontology
- 2 personal letters of reference

If the applicant reaches the level of finalist, members of the selection committee may call writers of recommendation letters and individuals mentioned by name in the applicant's personal statements and/or application letters.

Transcript of Grades

Transcripts from dental school and postgraduate work.

Personal Statement

The applicant must write a personal statement of approximately 600 words using the following questions as a guide to explain why he/she should be selected to receive the Kramer Scholar Award for Excellence:

- How might teachers, colleagues, friends describe you?
- Describe the most difficult challenge you have faced and how you handled it.
- Why do you aspire to become a periodontist?
- Which person has most influenced your life and why?
- What does excellence mean to you?
- At the end of your professional career, what specific images would you want people to have of you?
- What are your plans for giving back to the specialty?

Academic/Personal Achievements

List any academic and/or personal awards or achievements you have received.

Work Experience

If you are currently working, indicate where and describe your title and responsibilities. List previous work experience.

Extracurricular and Community Activities

Discuss all activities in which you have been involved outside of the work and academic environment.

Materials Required

Send the following materials to the AAP Foundation. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

- Completed application form
- 4 letters of recommendation
- Transcripts of dental programs and postgraduate work
- Personal statement
- Academic/personal achievements
- Work experience
- Extracurricular and community activities

PATIENT CARE-CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION

The finalists will be asked to deliver a case presentation in the final interview.

Finalists will be notified by September 1 and must be available for personal interviews by the Kramer Scholarship Selection Committee immediately prior to the start of the AAP Annual Meeting at the meeting location. The Scholarship recipient will be announced and honored at the Annual Meeting.

KRAMER SCHOLAR AWARD APPLICATION FORM

Must be received by AAP Foundation by May 15

E-mail application to AAPF_ED@perio.org.

Mail supporting documentation to:
Kramer Scholar Award for Excellence
AAP Foundation
737 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 800
Chicago, IL 60611-6660

Questions? Please contact:

AAP Foundation Executive Director
1-800-282-4867, ext. 3256
AAPF_ED@perio.org
www.perio.org/foundation

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Evening phone _____ Daytime phone _____

Fax _____ E-mail _____

SS# _____

Periodontal program attending _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Chairperson _____ Phone _____

Anticipated graduation date _____ Degree to be awarded _____

Dental program attended _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Chairperson _____ Phone _____

Graduation date _____ Degree awarded _____

College/university attended _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Candidate nominated by _____ Chair, Department of Periodontology

Date _____