

# Fellowship Award Guidelines

## Fellowship Requirements

1. Current AGD membership for three (3) continuous years (36 months) by December 31 of the year in which the application is received, to begin no earlier than the month of dental school graduation; dental license has not been suspended or revoked within the last five years, and is not currently under probation, suspension, or revocation.
2. Completion of 500 hours of FAGD/MAGD-approved continuing education credit, with at least 350 hours earned in course attendance. Mastership credit begins to accrue on the date that the 500-hours requirement has been met, as determined by the Dental Education Council.
3. Successful completion of the Fellowship Examination. Any active general dentist member joining the AGD after February 2010 be subject to a 90-day waiting period prior to applying for or sitting for the Fellowship Exam in order to verify their membership status. The Fellowship application and examination must be completed and the application postmarked by the December 31 deadline.
4. Attendance at a Convocation Ceremony, held during the AGD Annual Meeting, to receive the award. Successful candidates are allowed three years following approval to complete this requirement.

## Activities Accepted for Fellowship Credit

### Course Attendance Credit

A minimum of 350 hours of continuing education course credit is required for the award. Course content must be directly related to the practice of dentistry with the exception that 10 hours are permitted for self-improvement courses. Course credit can be earned for:

1. Scientific Programs

A) Attendance at courses put on by FAGD/MAGD-program providers. Approved program providers include those accepted by the Committee on Program Approval for Continuing Education (PACE), intrastate program providers approved by AGD Constituent Academies, or those approved by the ADA's Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP).

B) Individual intrastate courses may also be approved by the AGD Constituents.

2. Postgraduate Education

Effective January 1, 2009. Beginning with individuals completing a one-year CODA-accredited advanced dental education program (AEGD/GDR/GPR) in 2009, 150 hours of participation credit may be earned. Individuals completing a two-year CODA-accredited advanced dental education program (AEGD/GDR/GPR) in 2009, 300 hours of participation credit may be earned. Credit can be received for non-concurrent completion of both program types for a maximum of 450 hours of participation credit. Credits are apportioned among the subject categories according to a *predetermined ratio* of subject hours based upon a survey of one- and two-year AEGD/GDR/GPR programs. A copy of the certificate is required to receive credit. Credit is permitted for the completion of programs as follows:

| Current member of AGD                                     | 100% of credits are awarded |   |
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| Join AGD within one (1) year of completion of the program | 100%                        | “ |
| Join AGD within two (2) years                             | 75%                         | “ |
| Join AGD within three (3) years                           | 50%                         | “ |
| Join AGD within four (4) years                            | 25%                         | “ |
| Join AGD after four years                                 | 0%                          | “ |

3. Federal Dental Service Specialty Rotation Programs

Participation in Federal Dental Service Specialty Rotation Programs earns 1 credit hour for each working day in the program. A maximum of 200 hours may be applied to the award.

4. Self-Instructional Programs

Up to 150 hours of credit may be applied to the award for completion of FAGD/MAGD-approved audio, audio/visual, written and other self-instructional programs, provided the program provider verifies satisfactory completion. In addition to the 150 hours self-instructional credit, 15 hours of credit may be awarded one time only to members completing the post-test from the FAGD Exam Study Guide.

5. Self-Improvement  
Up to 10 hours of credit may be applied to the award from FAGD/MAGD-approved self-improvement course taken on or after July 1, 1985.
6. Case Presentation Required for Certification/Accreditation by Allied Dental Organizations upon request.  
Up to 75 hours of participation credit may be applied to the award for case presentations presented for the purpose of certification/accreditation by PACE/CERP approved dental organizations. Requests by Allied Dental Organizations for participations credits will be reviewed by the Dental Education and/or PACE Councils for final approval.

Other CE Activities for Credit

1. Teaching/Publications

A combined maximum of 150 hours of lecture credit may be applied toward the Fellowship award for the following activities:

- A) Full- or part-time faculty positions at ADA/CDA–accredited institutions. Full-time faculty may receive 100 hours for the completion of the first academic year after joining the AGD and 25 hours each subsequent year; part-time faculty may receive 50 hours for the completion of the first academic year after joining the AGD and 12.5 hours each subsequent year.
- B) Continuing education presentations put on by FAGD/MAGD-program providers.
- C) Original presentations receive three hours of credit for each hour of teaching. Repeat presentations receive hour-for-hour credit. *Credit will be awarded upon receipt of verification from the program provider.*
- D) Authorship of a published scientific article in a dental or scientific journal.
- E) Authorship of a published dental textbook or chapter in a published textbook
- F) Authorship of a case report, technique paper or clinical research report in a dental or scientific journal published in or after July, 2000.

Credit will be awarded as follows:

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| Published scientific article in a refereed journal.....   | 40 hours          |
| Published scientific article in a non-refereed journal.....   | 30 hours          |
| Published dental textbook or chapter in a published textbook .....                                    | 65 hours          |
| Published case report, technique paper or clinical research report<br>in a refereed journal .....     | 10 hours          |
| Published case report, technique paper or clinical research report<br>in a non-refereed journal ..... | 5 hours           |
| Draft Self-Assessment or self-instruction quizzes for a peer-reviewed scientific<br>journal.....      | 20 hours per quiz |

Credit Limitations

Credit Start Dates: Continuing education credit earned after the credit start date may be applied toward Fellowship award.

Credit start dates are assigned upon joining the AGD, as follows:

1. January 1, if membership began between January 1 and June 30;
2. July 1, if membership began between July 1 and September 30;
3. October 1, if membership began between October 1 and December 31;
4. Date of dental school graduation, if membership began within the first calendar year after graduation;
5. Date of residency completion, if membership began within 48 months after completion of an ADA-accredited 1- or 2-year AEGD/GPR/GDR.

Subject Category: A maximum of 150 credit hours may be earned in each of the 18 dental subject categories.

Application Procedures and Deadline

Applications must be postmarked no later than December 31 to be considered for the class immediately following the application deadline. **The AGD is not responsible for lost or delayed mail.** Please note that Mastership credits begin to accrue on the date that the 500-hours requirement has been met, as determined by the Dental Education Council. The appropriate fee, which includes a non-refundable processing fee, must accompany the Fellowship award application. **All FAGD requirements must be completed as of December 31 application deadline. Only the Dental Education Council may determine the acceptability of FAGD award applications.** Applications are reviewed by the Council in March of each year and applicants are notified by letter of the Council's decision within three weeks. Final approval is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees

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