Indigenous Health, Education, and Resources Taskforce (IHEART)

DENTISTRY

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How to become a dentist

- **Build a support network.** Mentors, study groups, family, and friends will help you stay the course and achieve your goals. Volunteering, sports, and clubs also boost your applications!
- **Study science.** From high school through undergrad, choose lots of biology, anatomy, and physiology classes.
- **Prep for tests.** In high school, study for the ACT or SAT. In undergrad, start prepping for the DAT!
- **Find mentors.** Your trusted teachers and elders will be the ones writing letters of recommendation, answering questions, and supporting you when times get tough!
- **Apply for scholarships.** In high school, apply for *every* scholarship you are eligible for! In dental school, apply for an IHS scholarship.

See the full checklist at thesaidonline.org/students

Recommended pathway programs

The dentistry programs listed on the IHEART healthcare pathways map provide specific academic, cultural, and/or financial support to Indigenous students. Learn about them and see more programs at iheartworkforce.org/map



Organizations

- Society of American Indian Dentists
- American Dental Assn.
  - Find the DA for your state!
- American Student Dental Assn.
- American Dental Education Assn.
- We are Healers
- Urban Indian Health Institute
- Advancing Indigenous Science and Engineering Society
- Association of Native American Medical Students
- National Council of Urban Indian Health

Financial Aid

- SAID DAT Prep Program Award
- IHS Dental Scholarships
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- American Student Dental Association scholarships, grants, and loan repayment programs
- ANAMS Scholarships

See more financial aid opportunities on the IHEART website.

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iheartnativeworkforce.org

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