

Resolution Number: 301-2026

Title: Addressing Food Insecurity Among Dental Students

Reference Committee Assignment: Membership & Governance

Sponsor(s): Loryn Young, Council on Membership Chair

Financial Impact: None

Board of Trustees Comments: The Board appreciates the author submitting this resolution and supports efforts to work with stakeholders to address this issue. ASDA is actively working to establish partnerships that support the intent of this resolution that address food insecurity for dental students. We encourage the Council on Membership to continue its work establishing and identifying programs that will alleviate the burden for dental students. Therefore, the board recommends a yes vote.

Board Vote: Unanimous

Summary of Board Vote: Nothing to report as the vote was unanimous.

Reference Committee Comments:

Background: At the 2025 House of Delegates, resolution 305-2025 Support for Dental Students Experiencing Poverty was passed. In this resolution, the Council on Membership and the Board of Trustees were charged with investigating potential member benefits with food and grocery companies. The council and board also recommended providing a resource for dental students to start and/or maintain a food pantry at their dental school. This new resource was published in January and ASDA is continuing to work on establishing partnerships with Amazon Fresh and Uber Eats.

Because food insecurity is a growing concern among dental students, the Council on Membership is also recommending the following policy as part of their work in this area; therefore, be it

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that ASDA recognizes that food insecurity is a growing concern among dental students and encourages members and ASDA chapters to work with local constituents and other stakeholders to institute local programs to address this issue.

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