

Report Title: Resolution 305-2025 Report

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the 2025-26 Council on Membership in conjunction with the 2025-26 Board of Trustees investigate developing member benefits with food and grocery companies; and be it further

Resolved, that a progress report be sent to the sponsors of the resolution by Fall Council 2025; and be it further

Resolved, that a list of member benefits be included in the annual report to the House of Delegates.

REPORT BACKGROUND

The council and board investigated the feasibility of developing a member benefit to address this issue. They determined that ASDA should provide its members with information on how to start a food bank and explore potential partnerships with retailers for discounts or memberships

REPORT FINDINGS

Based on the findings of the initial investigation, a resource was developed to assist chapters with starting a food bank at their dental school. This resource is available on ASDA's website. Additionally, ASDA is working to develop a partnership with Amazon Fresh and Uber Eats. ASDA is working to confirm those partnerships. Finally, a policy has been written regarding dental students experiencing poverty to be presented at the House of Delegates (see Appendix A).

A progress report was sent to the sponsors of the resolution prior to Fall Council 2025. A list of member benefits is included in the annual report which is accessible in the Annual Session mobile app.

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47 Appendix A

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50 **Title: Addressing Food Insecurity Among Dental Students**

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

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60 Because food insecurity is a growing concern among dental students, the Council on
61 Membership is also recommending the following policy as part of their work in this area.

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63 **RESOLUTION**

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