DHAA
DENTAL HYGIENISTS ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM

Lead. Connect. Represent.

WHO One representative from each of Years 2, 3 and 4	**SCHOOL** University of Alberta Dental Hygiene Program
TERM From appointment through graduation	**APPLY BY** October 31, 2026

Program purpose

Student representatives create a clear, two-way connection between University of Alberta dental hygiene students and the Dental Hygienists Association of Alberta (DHAA). They bring student questions, ideas and perspectives forward, and help classmates learn about DHAA resources, continuing education and opportunities to engage with the profession.

What student representatives do

- **Connect and listen.** Gather questions, feedback and ideas from classmates and share relevant themes with the designated DHAA Board member.
- **Communicate.** Share timely DHAA information and opportunities with students through appropriate class channels.
- **Participate.** Attend periodic check-ins with the designated DHAA Board member and contribute to planning discussions.
- **Coordinate.** Help arrange DHAA presentations, meetings and activities at the university, in collaboration with program contacts.
- **Represent.** Support student events and build positive relationships with students, faculty and DHAA representatives.
- **Promote.** Encourage awareness of DHAA student membership, continuing education, career resources and professional involvement.
- **Support continuity.** The fourth-year representative helps mentor the second- and third-year representatives and supports a smooth transition.

Commitment and expectations

- Respond reliably to communications from the designated DHAA Board member and meet agreed-upon deadlines.
- Attend scheduled meetings and advise the designated DHAA Board member promptly if unavailable.
- Represent classmates fairly, respectfully and without presenting personal views as the position of all students.
- Protect confidential or sensitive information and disclose potential conflicts of interest.
- Speak publicly on behalf of DHAA only when authorized and supported to do so.
- Remain enrolled in the University of Alberta Dental Hygiene Program for the applicable term.

The time commitment varies throughout the academic year and is generally tied to scheduled check-ins, student events and specific DHAA activities.

What DHAA provides

- A designated DHAA Board member as the program contact, along with orientation and clear direction at the start of the role.
- Practical guidance, mentorship and feedback throughout the term.
- Information and materials needed to communicate DHAA opportunities accurately.
- Opportunities to connect with dental hygienists, association leaders and other student representatives.

Benefits of serving

- **Leadership and communication.** Build experience representing peers, facilitating communication and following through on shared priorities.
- **Professional network.** Develop relationships within DHAA, the university and Alberta's dental hygiene community.
- **Applied experience.** Gain exposure to association work, event coordination, member engagement and professional initiatives.
- **Student voice and impact.** Help DHAA understand student needs and shape activities intended for future dental hygienists.

How representatives are selected

The designated DHAA Board member reviews complete applications and coordinates the selection process. Selection is based on the applicant's motivation, communication and teamwork skills, reliability, understanding of the liaison role, and ability to represent a range of student perspectives. A brief follow-up conversation may be requested. Applicants will be notified by email.

How to apply

1. Review this information sheet and complete every required section of the application form.
2. Complete the application by October 31, 2026