



AAO Foundation

Fall 2021

- ❖ We invite all AAO members to support the foundation by making an **annual donation**.
- ❖ The AAOF has a **new expanded mission** to support all our recently acquired programs and initiatives in 2021.
- ❖ The **Awards Program** proposal process has been moved to an online platform. The deadline is Friday, November 12, 2021, at 5 pm central time to apply for 2022 funding opportunities.

ONE PLACE, MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS

Along with a new mission, the American Association of Orthodontists Foundation is now offering more opportunities for AAO members to get involved. In 2021, the AAOF welcomed the Donated Orthodontic Services (DOS) program and the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) to its philanthropic umbrella so members can engage on multiple levels, all in one place.

The new mission, *“The AAO Foundation is to advance the orthodontic specialty by supporting quality education and research that leads to excellence in patient care, and by promoting orthodontic charitable giving.”*

The AAOF’s passion for education and research will always be at the forefront of what it does. Expanding the mission statement and gaining two dynamic programs truly gives the Foundation new ways to move the specialty forward. Both programs, DOS and the DRF will bring diversification to the Foundation by adding volunteerism and a way of supporting our supporters, especially during times of natural disaster.

To learn more, please visit: <http://www.aaofoundation.net/charitable-giving>.

AAOF AWARDS PROGRAM

Since the inception of the AAOF Awards Program, the AAOF has given back over \$14 million to the orthodontic specialty through research and education support. For 2022 funding, the applications have been transitioned to an online system. **Applications will be due November 12, 2021, at 5 pm central time.** If you have questions, please contact the AAO Foundation office. To learn more about the proposal process and how to apply, please visit our [website](#).

REMEMBER THE AAO FOUNDATION IN YOUR CHARITABLE GIVING

Did you know that the AAO Foundation can accept donations not only online, but via ACH as well as stock transfer? Please consider making a [donation](#) to the foundation in 2021.

If you are interested in becoming a monthly donor, think about joining the **Century Club**. This is for donors who give a minimum of \$100 a month. You can sign up for this option on our [website](#) or by calling the office directly.

Also keep the AAO Foundation in mind as you create your estate plans. If you have the AAOF in your will, as a beneficiary on your retirement plan or life insurance, mentioned in your trust, etc. please notify the AAOF staff office so we can properly steward your donation as a [Keystone Society](#) member.

FOLLOW US IN SOCIAL MEDIA

You can find the AAO Foundation in social media! If you have not already, please consider following us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. This is the best way to stay up to date on the happenings of the AAOF.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact Jackie Bode, AAOF Senior Vice President, at 314-292-6546 or jbode@aaortho.org.

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