

2026 Anna Nelson, CDA, RDA, MA Scholarship

The Association for Dental Safety (ADS) created this scholarship in memory of Anna Nelson, a dedicated leader in dental assisting and infection control. Anna was a champion for best practices, education, and disease prevention in dentistry. This year **3 scholarships** will be awarded.

Application Deadline	Application Link
Monday, October 13	MyADS.org/2026-anna-nelson-scholarship-application

2026 ADS Dental Infection Control Boot Camp

Level up your infection control skills at the 2026 ADS Dental Infection Control Boot Camp—an engaging, expert-led training event! Connect with dental professionals from around the world in Atlanta, GA, from February 2–4 (plus a special federal service session on February 5). Learn the latest CDC guidelines, OSHA standards, and real-world best practices. Learn more: MyADS.org/boot-camp.

Scholarship Award

Total Value: \$815

- Free registration for the 2026 ADS Boot Camp (\$695 value)
 - Attend in person (travel and lodging not included) or on-demand
- One year of ADS Premium Membership (\$120 value)
 - [See membership benefits](#)

Eligibility Requirements

Please wait to register for Boot Camp until **after** you receive an award notification.

1. **Professional Status:** Must be working as a dental assistant with at least one year of clinical experience.
2. **Membership Status:** Open to both ADS members and non-members.*
3. **Previous Recipient Status:** Cannot have received the Anna Nelson Scholarship before.
4. **Professional Development Questions:**
 - a. Describe your background and journey to working in oral healthcare. (up to 200 words)
 - b. Describe how you plan to use the knowledge gained through Boot Camp. (up to 100 words)
 - c. Describe your long-term career goals and how participating in Boot Camp and becoming an ADS member will assist you in achieving these goals. (up to 100 words)

Eligibility Requirements Cont.

5. Scholarship Participation Agreement

- ☐ I attest that I am currently working as a dental assistant and have at least one year of clinical experience. I understand that my scholarship application may be subject to an audit, and if audited, I will be required to provide documentation from my employer verifying my work experience. I further understand that if I do not comply with an audit or cannot provide requested documentation, my scholarship application will be withdrawn.
- ☐ If awarded a scholarship, I understand that I must register to attend the 2026 Boot Camp (in-person in Atlanta or on-demand) by November 17.
- ☐ I agree to allow my name, photo, and/or statements submitted in the scholarship application to be used in scholarship- and marketing-related communications from ADS.

**If you are already an ADS Premium member, your membership will be extended for one year for free. If you have another type of ADS membership, you can give the Premium Membership to a colleague or friend.*

Award Notifications

Notifications will be sent via email by the end of October. Notifications will include the steps to register and how to activate the ADS Premium Membership.

If you have questions, please contact the ADS team at office@MyADS.org.