

Hillsborough County Dental Association

"Service Above All Else"

HCDA Membership Application Protocol

1. Guest Meeting – Attend a Hillsborough County Dental Association (HCDA) dinner meeting as our guest. As mentioned above, please contact the HCDA central office if attending. This will help to arrange for an HCDA member to serve as your host. If feasible, interested prospective members will be interviewed that evening. Alternatively, an HCDA Executive Council member/s may conduct a telephone or a personal interview at a later date.
2. Application Process – An application can be completed before, during or immediately after meeting. A dues payment of \$195.00 for a full year as well as a one time administrative fee of \$50.00 (total \$245.00) is required. The application, dues and administrative fee must be received at least one month before the next HCDA meeting so the applicant's name can be posted in the HCDA Newsletter per HCDA Bylaws. If applying after the November meeting dues will be prorated for ½ year of membership, \$97.50. The prorated dues will therefore be \$147.50, which includes the one time administrative fee of \$50.00. The administrative fee of \$50.00 will be waived if applicant is a new graduate (within one year of application date). A copy of applicant's dental diploma must be received to qualify for administrative fee waiver. Applicants must also be a member in good standing with the Florida Dental Association (FDA) and the West Coast District Dental Association (WCDDA). (See HCDA bylaws, Article IV, Section 2.) If not a member of the FDA or WCDDA at time of application, you must join these associations within one year of application date. Active duty military and government employees are not required to join the FDA and WCDDA.
3. Voting – The applicant is invited to attend the next meeting. Members will vote on eligible applicants by secret ballot.
4. Membership Status – New members will be notified and will be able to attend the remaining HCDA meetings and functions for the membership year.
5. Membership Year/Dues – The HCDA membership year runs from September 1st through May 31st. Membership dues include five general membership meetings, continuing education, dinner at these meetings and attendance at the annual holiday party for member and a guest. Members are kept abreast of the latest developments affecting dentistry through five HCDA newsletters and through the website. The HCDA central office is available to answer your questions and/or direct you to the proper resources.