

Hillsborough County Dental Association
“Service Above All Else”

Membership Application Protocol

1. **Guest Meeting** – Attend a Hillsborough County Dental Association (HCDA) dinner meeting as our guest. We will need your planned attendance verified by leaving a RSVP message. Please call the HCDA office at (813) 541-4056 or email marlinda1@earthlink.net . This will assist us to arrange for a 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 at the guest meeting or completed and mailed in at a later date. A dues payment of \$195.00 for a full year as well as a one time administration fee of \$50.00 (total \$245.00) is required. The application, dues and administration fee must be received at least one month before the next HCDA meeting so the applicant names may be posted in the HCDA Newsletter per HCDA Bylaws. The HCDA membership year is from September to May. If applying after November dues will be prorated for ½ year of membership, \$97.50. The prorated dues will therefore be \$147.50, which includes the one time administration fee of \$50.00. You must also be a member in good standing with the Florida Dental Association and the West Coast District Dental Association. (See HCDA bylaws, Article IV, Section 2.) If not a member of the Florida Dental Association and West Coast District Dental Association at time of application, you must join these associations within one year of application date.

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 attend the remaining HCDA meetings and functions.

5. **Membership Year/Dues** – The HCDA membership year runs from September 1st through May 31st. Your dues dollars include five general membership meetings with at least four hours of continuing education, dinner at these meetings and attendance at the annual holiday party for yourself and a guest. You will also be kept abreast of the latest developments affecting dentistry through the five HCDA newsletters you will receive and our recently updated website. The HCDA central office is readily available to answer your questions and/or direct you to the proper resources.

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