

D. Walter Cohen Alpha Omega Ambassadorship to Israel

In honor of D. Walter Cohen

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Description:

A yearly award given to 2 (3rd or 4th year) students with the intent of having them visit Israel, discover the impact of the Foundation contributions to the development of dental education, and gain exposure to several dental health care centers supported by the donations and generosity of this organization. Students will visit multiple cities and different types of locations ranging from dental schools, to private offices and public clinics. This unique experience offers dental students an opportunity to travel to another country, meet and form lifelong relationships with highly respected dental practitioners and to see how a life long membership in Alpha Omega can make an impact on the lives of others.

Goal:

The aim of this scholarship program is to connect students with Alpha Omega, Education, and Israel. In honor of Walter D. Cohen, selected students will be introduced to a variety of practices and organizations and see first-hand how AO has impacted the dental community. Promotes teamwork, innovation, peace and education.

Requirements:

- Must be current member with fully paid membership
- **Agree to continue on as alumni for minimum 10 years***
- Daily blog with photos and videos to share publicly (easier to keep Foundation informed and makes it easier to complete formal report upon return).

Submit article summary of experiences for AO Now newsletter.

Yearly Ambassador Report to be made at Convention/Regency meeting.*

Program components/site visits

- 1) SACH – Heritage Home & Wolfson Medical Center (Holon)
- 2) Beit Issie Shapiro (R'anana)
- 3) TAU School of Dental Medicine (Tel Aviv)
- 4) AKIM *options: dental clinic location; TAU dental assisting program; AKIM home sites (depends on time of year and current location etc)
- 5) Rambam Health Care Center – Graduate School of Dental Medicine (Haifa)
- 6) Ziv Medical Center – Department of Dentistry (Tsfat)
- 7) DVI (Jerusalem)
- 8) HUJI – Hadassah University Campus, School of Dentistry (Jerusalem)
- 9) Yad Sarah – Clinic (depends on time of year)
- 10) Shalva (Jerusalem)

Award/Funding Estimates:

- A. Airfare: \$800-\$1,200 (Roundtrip) per person
- B. Travel: 90% Public - \$100 max needed
- C. Food: \$100-\$200 (can look into vouchers?)
- D. Possible need for accommodations- \$100 max (encourage local alumni to host students, very beneficial!)
- E. Misc. – **Host Gifts ~\$100**

Funding allowance per student: \$1150 plus \$100 for supplies to bring for OHI Program

- ➔ Funding for the ambassadorship will be at the discretion of the award committee.
- ➔ Students will be responsible for most of their housing costs.
- ➔ The award committee will arrange the student itinerary and may assist with flight arrangements and accommodations.
- ➔ Save all receipts for reimbursement for airline travel.
- ➔ The award committee will give a stipend before or after return.

Transportation in Israel:

- Students should be responsible for public transportation (very easy and can use suggested itinerary guide)
- Moveit App (public trans app)
- GetTaxi
- Metro System (55 NIS)

Application for D. Walter Cohen Ambassador to Israel

Name _____

Dental School _____

Current Student Year _____

AO Student Chapter _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Are you willing to remain an AO member for 10 years after graduation? (Mandatory for acceptance) Yes _____ No _____

Please write an essay discussing why you are interested in this program and why should we select you to represent the Alpha Omega Foundation and the legacy of Dr. D. Walter Cohen.

Deadline to apply: February 28 (A committee reviews all applications and vote on final decision) Recipients announced by April 1. They must accept/decline within 2 weeks)

Submit application and essay to Dr. Marc Rothman, Rmarcg@comcast.net