

DENTAL STUDENT GUESTS

Purpose: Taking a leadership position is a great way to influence the future of your profession and can be the start of an exciting journey that takes you to new heights of achievement. Becoming a leader has many benefits:

- ❖ Learn leadership and organizational skills
- ❖ Have the chance to have your voice heard
- ❖ Increase your knowledge of our profession
- ❖ Work with some the best and brightest in dentistry

Change often begins at the local level. Volunteer opportunities for 1 student per school UOP/UCSF per year for the following SFDS leadership groups:

- Guest to the SFDS board of directors 4-5 meetings a year
- Guest to the member engagement committee (MEC); 4-6 meetings a year (by action of 2/8/2026 board integrating MBR & PD committees)
- Guest to the legislative committee; 4-6 meetings a year
- Guest to community dental health committee; 4-6 meetings per year; community service activities throughout the year when appropriate (*narrow opportunity for unlicensed students*).

Primary Responsibilities:

- Primary student contact for Society related events/resources
- May receive materials for distribution to student colleagues
- Contributes to discussions; non-voting
- Attends SFDS board or committee meetings as a non-voting guest
- May attend SFDS meetings/events at the student fee; assists when needed (3-4 a year)
- Encouraged to attend SFDS social/networking events (4 a year)
- Will serve at only one local Society (if serving on a committee/board at another local dental society, then will not serve on an SFDS committee or the board as a guest – and will notify your host Society, SFDS, accordingly).

All participating student guests will complete a **Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure** as well as keep confidential all discussions of the board and committees unless otherwise granted permission to share. One-year guest tenure renewable to no more than three (3) years total.

Application/Appointment Process (7/22/2026)

- Students will be invited to apply for open guest opportunities using similar application structure currently in place for SFDS volunteers
- The SFDS president will make appointments based on the applications received
- That SFDS will promote the application/process through the CDA & ASDA student representatives/officers
- The timelines for receipt of student applications will vary, generally between August 1 – September 15 of each year.