

## **Free Student Membership into the Christian Dental Society (CDS) and the Christian Medical and Dental Associations (CMDA)**

As Christian Dental professionals, the CDS and the CMDA seek to share the good news of Jesus Christ, while encouraging and serving others at home and abroad.

Having participated on a dental mission trip with a CDS/CMDA dentist, you are entitled and encouraged to join the CDS and CMDA at no charge. We hope you will continue as a member of each organization after you complete dental school.

The CDS and CMDA are 501© 3 volunteer organizations. Christians have long recognized that meeting a person's physical needs is one of the most effective ways to show God's love and to share the Good News of Jesus. The CDS and CMDA cooperate with all Christ-centered churches in their dental mission programs and are not controlled or governed by any denominational affiliation.

### **CDS and CMDA Membership Benefits**

- To experience on-going, Christian ministries that provide care to the needy around the world.
- To develop relationships with Christians both at home and globally.
- To gain knowledge from seasoned missionary veterans and advance professional capabilities.
- To rent dental equipment and instruments for a trip (CDS) or to join a ready-made trip (CMDA).
- To utilize "Individual Designated Accounts" which are useful in deducting mission expenses (CDS).
- To obtain information on dental missions with extensive websites ([christiandental.org](http://christiandental.org) or [cmda.org/gho](http://cmda.org/gho)) to provide information on dental missions, upcoming trips, and various mission and Christian-related resources.

### **Why Go on a Dental Mission?**

- It gives purpose to life by using individual talents for significance and to make a difference.
- It lovingly helps less-fortunate people.
- It provides opportunities to share God's love overseas and at home.
- It encourages everyone involved.
- It brings adventure and wonderment to life.
- It sets an example of service for family, friends, and community.
- It brings more appreciation for blessings and decreases materialistic desires.
- It helps friendships and relationships grow.
- It provides professional exchange, mentoring, and networking.
- It brings understanding and values diversity.
- It shows God's presence in the world.
- It allows participants to receive spiritual blessings.

**The CDS and CMDA are Christian organizations and require agreement with these essential concepts of our Christian Faith.**

**The CDS and CMDA Members Believe:**

- In the divine inspiration and final authority of the Bible as the Word of God.
- In the eternal God revealed in Holy Scripture as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- In the unique Diety of Jesus Christ, God's only Son, whose death and resurrection provide by grace through faith the only means of my salvation.
- In the transforming presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

**To Begin Your FREE Membership In the CDS and the CMDA**

Clearly fill out the written application below and submit as directed:

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mission Trip Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Student (dental, hygiene, other): \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

CDS/CMDA Person Recommending Free Membership:

**My signature confirms agreement with the CDS and the CMDA essential concepts of the Christian Faith.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

More information about each organization is available at the CDS website [www.christiandental.org](http://www.christiandental.org) or the CMDA website [www.cmda.org](http://www.cmda.org).