

# SHAPE THE FUTURE OF DENTISTRY



## What Is a Student Dental Advocate?

A **Student Dental Advocate** is a dental student who takes an active role in shaping the future of dentistry through **policy, leadership, and public engagement**. You don't have to wait until graduation to make a difference—your voice matters now.

## Your Role as a Student Advocate

- ✓ Attend **NYSDA Advocacy Day** in Albany.
- ✓ Meet with lawmakers and share your perspective as a future dentist.
- ✓ Participate in **grassroots campaigns** and letter-writing efforts.
- ✓ Stay informed on key issues through NYSDA updates and webinars.
- ✓ Join your school's ASDA/NYSDA **advocacy team**.

## You're Not Just a Student— You're a Leader

Advocacy is how we protect our profession and promote better oral health for all. Start now, and be part of the change.

LEARN MORE & JOIN THE MOVEMENT:

 [www.nysdental.org/advocacy](http://www.nysdental.org/advocacy)

## How to Get Started



### Join NYSDA as a Student Member

It's free and gives you access to exclusive advocacy tools.



### Connect with Your School's Advocacy Chair

Get involved in local efforts.



### Attend Events

Advocacy Day, webinars, and networking opportunities.



### Follow NYSDA on Social Media

Stay in the loop, get updates & share your voice.

## Why Should Students Get Involved?

- **Build Your Network:** Connect with dentists, legislators, and leaders across New York State.
- **Learn Beyond the Classroom:** Understand how laws and policies impact your future practice and patients.
- **Become a Leader Early:** Advocacy experience sets you apart in residency, interviews, and leadership.
- **Protect Your Future:** Help shape the laws that will govern your career, from licensure to insurance reform.