



Call for Nominations! The New York State Dental Foundation Give Kids a Smile Award

The Foundation is now accepting applications, due 25 August 2017, for the 2018 GKAS awards. Winning applicants will receive up to \$5,000, as determined by the NYSDF Board of Trustees. Additionally, this year the Foundation has instituted a complementary level GKAS Award, designed to assist chosen organizations receive needed product and/or supplies. Winners will be announced at the end of the year.

Since 2007, the New York State Dental Foundation has given more than \$175,000 to community health centers or service programs as part of its Give Kids a Smile Award program. The GKAS Award recognizes an organization's ability to build, expand or enhance education, access and/or capacity with respect to oral health care for children.

Nominated community health centers or service programs must answer the following questions:

- How is your organization setting higher standards of oral health care and quality to better meet the challenges of the future?
- How are you driving innovation in oral health care deliver?
- How is your program improving oral health outcomes within our communities?
- What are you doing to move New York State in new directions to meet the oral health care needs of children?
- How does your program target education, screening and prevention, and access?
- How does your programming expand current capacity?

Nominators must complete the attached form, which includes a written statement and letters of support from at least one other organization or individual. All nominations must include a written statement of no more than one page detailing why the nominee should receive the award, including an explanation of *HOW* the nominee meets the criteria to merit recognition and *HOW* the nominee will use any GKAS Award funding.

If appropriate, a letter of support from a local public health organization should be included with the application.

All nominations must include a statement indicating why the nominator has chosen to seek award funding from the New York State Dental Foundation.

Once-a-year activities are NOT eligible for GKAS Award consideration.

All GKAS Award recipients MUST include NYS Dental Foundation logo and references in all promotional and press materials related to the activities for which they are receiving the GKAS Award.