

Veteran Application Steps for Submission



STEP 1

AAID Participating Doctor Contact Entry

Participating Doctors must complete their contact information entry to begin the *Smile, Veteran!*™ application. The veteran patient must see an AAID-credentialed doctor participating in the program to apply (name of Doctor will be required upon eligibility entry); *Potential patients can use the "Find an Implant Dentist in Your Area" tool to locate AAID-credentialed dentists in your area. Not all AAID members are program providers. Look for the Smile, Veteran!™ logo next to the Doctor's name:*

[Find an AAID Dentist Near Me](#)

[AAID Find A Doctor Website](#)

STEP 2

Appointment with Participating Doctor

After finding a Participating Doctor, the next step is for the dentist to see the patient and agree to sponsor them in the *Smile, Veteran!*™ Program. This sponsorship is a crucial step that must be completed before any required documentation can be submitted.

During this step, the dentist will evaluate the patient's dental needs and determine if they are a suitable candidate for the treatment. If the dentist agrees to sponsor the patient, they will then proceed with the necessary paperwork and documentation to formally submit the application for the 2026 cycle.

It's important to note that this sponsorship step ensures that the dentist is committed to providing the necessary care and support for the Veteran throughout the program. This collaborative approach helps us ensure that each Veteran receives the best possible care and attention.

STEP 3

Upload/Submit Required Documentation

1. DD-214 form showing honorable or general discharge from the Armed Forces;
2. Proof of residence (utility bill or current bill with street address);
3. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) summary of benefits letter clearly explaining any disability benefits received by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

FINAL STEP

Apply for Program Participation

If you meet the eligibility requirements, your initial application will move forward to the next stage of the process. At this point, you will be asked to complete a full application for the program.

As part of this stage, a Participating Doctor will work with you to create a personalized treatment plan. The doctor will upload necessary dental images and complete their portion of the application. Once all parts of the application are submitted, it will be reviewed by the program's Selection Committee.

The application period closes on **August 31**. After that, the Selection Committee will carefully review all completed applications over the following months. From this group, **4 to 6 Veterans** will be selected to participate in the program.

Each program cycle lasts for **two years**, after which a new application period will begin. The actual duration of your dental treatment may vary depending on your individual clinical needs and the treatment plan developed with your doctor. In some cases, treatment may take **2 to 3 years**.

Final decisions for the AAIDF Smile, Veteran!™ program will be communicated once all applications are reviewed and the Committee's decision is ratified, usually by January 1 of the following year.

[View and Download the Patient Application Timeline](#)

Program participation is limited. If selected for the program, both Participating Doctor and Veteran patient will be required to sign privacy acts and certification agreements. Patient will be asked to sign a release; includes a release of portion of dental records and agreement to program terms and conditions.

Patient must be willing to have a medical check-up within 1 year of joining the program by a personal physician responsible for medical maintenance beyond services rendered as a part of the Smile, Veteran!™ program.