AAOF NAMED AWARDS

In early 1994, the AAO Foundation received a gift from the estate of the late Dr. Earl Shepard, thanks to the efforts of Dr. William Schwartz, an AAO member, and his brother, Mr. Robert Schwartz, members of the family and co-executors of Dr. Shepard’s estate. The Foundation Board honored the family’s request that there be established in perpetuity, the Willie and Earl Shepard Memorial Fellowship Award. The funds necessary for this include the bequest noted above, a gift received previously from the American Board of Orthodontics and a gift from Dr. Shepard’s family so that the total exceeded $125,000. In addition to the Shepard Fellowship, the Board determined that one more Fellowship Award and eight Biomedical Research Awards might also be named by having one or more persons pledging at the Regent level ($25,000) or higher, combine their pledges to create an aggregate of a minimum of $125,000. Drs. Eugene Blair, William DeKock, James Gjerset, T. M. Graber and George Kottemann combined their pledges and named the first Biomedical Research Award, B. F. Dewel Memorial Research Award.

More recently, the Board revised the policy as follows:

To name an award, pledge an aggregate of $250,000 for the Biomedical Research Award (BRA), with a minimum of $25,000 per person and with this $250,000 being all new pledges, whether pledge increases, first-time pledges, or some combination.

In total, the following named awards have been established:

BRA
- B.F. Dewel Memorial Biomedical Research Award*
- Robert L. Boyd Biomedical Research Award
- Robert James Bray Biomedical Research Award
- Burstone-Indiana Biomechanics Award**
- Fred F. Schudy Memorial Research Award
- The Fred and Dianne Garrett Biomedical Research Award
- Six naming opportunities available

OFDFA
- Willie and Earl Shepard Fellowship Award*
- Robert E. Binder Teaching Fellowship Award
- Robert E. Gaylord Teaching Fellowship Award
- Anthony A. Gianelly Teaching Fellowship Award
- T.M. Graber Teaching Fellowship Award
- Michael Matlof Memorial Teaching Fellowship Award
- Robert M. Ricketts Sunflower Orthodontics Fellowship Award
- Subtelny, Baker, Eastman Teaching Fellowship Award
- Orhan C. Tuncay Teaching Fellowship Award
- Eugene E. West Memorial Fellowship Award
- Albert P. Westfall Memorial Teaching Fellowship Award
- James A. McNamara Orthodontic Faculty Fellowship Award
- CLOSED

PFA
- Martin “Bud” Schulman Postdoctoral Fellowship Award
- CLOSED

CENTER
- GAC International Corporate Center Award
- Ormco/“A” Company Corporate Center Award
- 3M Unitek Corporate Center Award
- Align Technology, Inc. Corporate Center Award
- American Orthodontics Corporate Center Award
- T.P. Orthodontics Corporate Center Award
- CLOSED

RESEARCH AID AWARD
- Charles J. Burstone Research Aid Award

*Designation given to the most meritorious proposal within each Award Category
**Successful applicant of the award each year designated as a Burstone Fellow in Biomechanics

The AAO Foundation Board encourages interested individuals to contact Mr. Robert Hazel, Foundation Executive Vice President, at 800/424-2841, ext. 546, for further information.

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1 At the August 1999 meeting of the AAO Foundation Board of Directors, the directors determined that the number of Teaching Fellowship Named Awards and Biomedical Research Named Awards would be increased from two and six, respectively, to a maximum of twelve each.