



# S.M.I.L.E. U

-Shaping Minds to  
Inspire, Lead, and  
Explore

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## About S.M.I.L.E. U

S.M.I.L.E. U is a 5 day enrichment program with 2 yearly follow-up sessions for rising 6th – 8th graders. The goal is to bring awareness to dentistry careers and create interest in pursuance of dentistry as a career choice as early as possible. After the 5 day enrichment program we will schedule at least 2 Saturday meetings a year (every 6 months), to stay connected to these students and update them on any changes or new career opportunities. We will also provide academic enrichment activities.

## Why S.M.I.L.E. U

This program will expose middle school students from underrepresented backgrounds to careers in dentistry by:

- Teaching them the importance of oral health
- Presenting career options in the dental field
- Providing steps to successfully gain admittance into dental school.
- Provide curriculum enrichment needed to increase chances of success for undergraduate acceptance and admittance into professional health programs.
- Introduction to financial literacy
- Teaching test taking strategies, study skills, time management, public speaking, and more!

**To Apply: Completed Application and Short Writing Sample**

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