



2024 Fellowship Application Information

Dentists who earn Fellowship in the American Academy of Clear Aligners have advanced clinical knowledge and experience in providing clear aligner therapy. Being designated as a Fellow demonstrates excellence in treating malocclusions and achieving healthy, stable smiles.

To earn Fellowship status in 2024, you must meet the following requirements:

- Maintain AACA membership for at least one full year by March 15, 2024.
- Amass a total of at least 50 hours of course credits in Orthodontics, Clear Aligners, or any AACA continuing education courses, during the five (5) years prior to March 15, 2024.
- Complete at least one hundred (100) Clear Aligner cases.
- Attain passing scores **of at least 65%** in both 1) the AACA multiple choice Fellowship Exam and 2) the Fellowship Clinical Case Review of five (5) of your clear aligner cases.
- Attend the AACA Convocation Ceremony, held during the AACA Annual Convention, in order to receive your Fellowship Diploma.¹

Fellowship certification steps:

1. Complete and submit the Fellowship Application form and submit case identification numbers for one hundred (100) completed Clear Aligner cases. Only submit cases that are complete and have been placed in retention. Take your time putting this list together to ensure each case is complete, in retention and has before and after photographs² (intraoral views can be images from an iTero digital scan) **Application Deadline- March 15, 2024**
2. Pay a non-refundable application fee of \$895 to the AACA, prior to the **application deadline of March 15, 2024**. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure all material submitted is complete and accurate.
3. Five (5) of your 100 cases will be randomly selected by the Fellowship committee. You will then submit the AACA Clinical Case Review Forms (to be provided) for those five cases, before and after photographs and/or iTero scan images², and ClinCheck links for review and evaluation by the Fellowship Committee. No substitutions of cases will be given or allowed.
Clinical case review submission deadline - April 30, 2024
4. Take the AACA multiple choice Fellowship Exam administered with a proctor online. You can start the exam anytime on **June 1 or June 2, 2024 between 9am ET to 9pm ET**.
5. Candidates passing all requirements will receive their diploma at the AACA Convocation Ceremony on **July 17, 2024**, during the AACA Annual Convention.¹

¹ Separate registration for the AACA Annual Convention is required. You will be given three years (2024, 2025 or 2026) to fulfill this attendance requirement.

² All photographs must be in color and of good diagnostic quality with patients names removed or redacted. Before and After images must include at least the following views: FULL FACE SMILE photograph, and intraoral MAXILLARY OCCLUSAL, MANDIBULAR OCCLUSAL, LEFT LATERAL, RIGHT LATERAL, and ANTERIOR views. Digital images from an iTero scan can be used in place of or in addition to the intraoral views and they must be the initial and completed stages of your case. A before and after full face smile view photograph is required. Images or screenshots of Clinchecks will not be accepted as proper records. Any missing or incorrect views of the required extraoral and/or intraoral views of either initial or final stages will deem the case incomplete. Itero scan images must be a downloaded image and not a photograph of your itero screen or computer monitor.

Summary of Fellowship certification steps:

- Complete application and submit completed clear aligner case numbers
- Pay \$895 application fee
- Committee randomly selects 5 of your 100 cases for review
- Submit photos and/or images³ and ClinCheck and case report forms for the 5 cases
- Take Fellowship exam online either June 1st or June 2nd between 9am Eastern to 9pm Eastern
- Attend ceremony on July 17th at the annual convention⁴

Important Dates:

March 15, 2024 Deadline for application with completed clear aligner case numbers and payment of NON-REFUNDABLE \$895 application fee.

April 30, 2024 Case review submission deadline with before and after photographs³, ClinChecks and case review forms for the 5 selected cases.

June 1st or June 2nd, 2024 - Online 90 minute window to complete the Fellowship Exam anytime between 9am to 9pm eastern time on these days.

July 17, 2024 Fellowship Ceremony at the AACOA Annual Convention⁴



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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	DMD, DDS, other
STREET ADDRESS		CITY	STATE/PROVINCE
ZIP/POSTAL CODE	COUNTRY	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL (this will be used for communication from the fellowship committee)
DENTAL SCHOOL	GRADUATION YEAR	DENTAL LICENSE NUMBER	STATE/PROVINCE
DATE YOU JOINED THE AACAClearAligners	INVISALIGN USER ID	OTHER CLEAR ALIGNER USER ID	NUMBER OF CLEAR ALIGNER CASES COMPLETED
YOUR NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON FELLOWSHIP DIPLOMA			

Convocation Ceremony Attendance (requires separate registration)

Receipt of fellowship Award is dependent on successful completion of ALL Fellowship requirements

I will be attending the American Academy of Clear Aligners 2024 Convention in Las Vegas on July 17-19, 2024.

I will be attending a future AACAClearAligners Annual Convention (must be accomplished by 2026)

By signing below:

I affirm that the information in this AACAClearAligners Fellowship Application is accurate. I understand the application process and that applying is **not a guarantee** that I will earn a fellowship. I understand that the AACAClearAligners will verify the submitted CE credits, proof of membership, and clinical cases submitted. I agree that I am responsible for providing complete and accurate information by the set deadlines. I agree that there will be **no substitution or no cancellations** of the 5 randomly selected cases to review. I agree to stand by the decision of the AACAClearAligners Fellowship Committee on whether or not I successfully pass all the requirements for Fellowship. I understand that a case will be **deemed incomplete** if any required before and after images of the patient's dentition or smile are missing, **images of Clinchecks (or treatment plan software) will not be accepted**. I acknowledge that submission of any inaccurate clinical records, information, or false continuing education credits can result in being ineligible for receiving and/or reapplying for the AACAClearAligners Fellowship. I understand that the application fee is **non-refundable** and non-transferable.

X

SIGNATURE

DATE

PAY BY CREDIT CARD

[CLICK HERE](#) to pay the **NON-REFUNDABLE \$895** application fee.

I understand that my application will not be processed until payment is received, and there are **NO CANCELATIONS** and **NO SUBSTITUTION** of cases

Initials

PAY BY CHECK

Check in the amount of \$895 U.S. dollars payable to AACAClearAligners There is a **\$40 fee for returned cheques** payment is **NON-REFUNDABLE**

Mail to:

The AACAClearAligners
711 Peninsula Blvd
Woodmere, NY 11598

Submit application pages 1 and 2 no later than March 15, 2024 by one of the following methods:

1) **EMAIL TO:** aacafellowship@gmail.com

2) **FAX TO:** (516) 342-4430

3) [UPLOAD HERE](#)

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Please complete the table below with patient ID numbers. Only include completed cases with the required orthodontic records as outlined in step 1 of Fellowship certification steps above.

DO NOT SUBMIT ANY CASES THAT DO NOT HAVE PHOTOS/IMAGES OF THE ACTUAL DENTITION AND A FULL FACE SMILE. DIGITAL IMAGES and/or SCREENSHOTS OF CLINCHECK VIEWS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND THESE CASES WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE.

OR I will submit a separate spreadsheet file [DOWNLOAD HERE](#)

100 COMPLETED CASES

	Patient ID#		Patient ID#		Patient ID#		Patient ID#
1		26		51		76	
2		27		52		77	
3		28		53		78	
4		29		54		79	
5		30		55		80	
6		31		56		81	
7		32		57		82	
8		33		58		83	
9		34		59		84	
10		35		60		85	
11		36		61		86	
12		37		62		87	
13		38		63		88	
14		39		64		89	
15		40		65		90	
16		41		66		91	
17		42		67		92	
18		43		68		93	
19		44		69		94	
20		45		70		95	
21		46		71		96	
22		47		72		97	
23		48		73		98	
24		49		74		99	
25		50		75		100	

Five of these cases will be randomly selected by the fellowship committee for you to do a case review. There will be NO CANCELLATIONS and NO SUBSTITUTIONS of cases allowed.

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