



Lee W. Graber "Orthodontics Changing Lives" Award

"Orthodontics Changing Lives" Competition and Award was established by the World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO) Executive Committee in 2022, and named after former WFO President, Doctor Lee W. Graber. The annual award may be presented to WFO Fellows who, in the judgment of the WFO, provide an orthodontic related story that demonstrates a "changed life" because of treatment for their orthodontic patient. The WFO Fellow and/or their patient must relate the story, in a video format (MP4 or MOV format) no more than 4 minutes long, that can be used on WFO professional and social media platforms. The narrative can be in the native language but must then be subtitled in English. The intent of the award is to encourage WFO Fellows to participate in a competition where they would share patient stories about how orthodontics has impacted their patient and "was a life changing experience".

The award is named after Dr. Lee W. Graber. Apart from his immeasurable service to the WFO and our profession. Dr. Graber has always been a keen advocate of encouraging dental colleagues to include orthodontic treatment into their patient's oral healthcare plans. His early research work on the psychosocial aspects of malocclusion, and support for the integration of social science-based concepts to aid in the provision of high-quality care, have globally impacted orthodontic residents, clinicians, and the patients they treat. Through research, teaching, professional associations and in private practice, Dr. Graber has devoted his career to positively changing lives by way of orthodontics.

Submissions for the Award. Submissions for the award may be made directly to the WFO Central Office or through a current WFO Executive Committee member by any WFO Fellow or Student Member in good standing, or any WFO Affiliate Organization in good standing. The WFO central office shall forward the nomination to the WFO Awards Committee.

Eligibility. To be eligible for The Lee W. Graber Orthodontics Changing Lives Award, an applicant must be a Fellow or Student Member of the WFO in good standing at the time of application and in the year of the award presentation.

Process. Submissions for this award may be made to the WFO from the 1st of June the previous year and must be received no later than 31st March of the awarding year. The Awards Committee will make recommendations to the WFO Executive Committee for final determination of all awards. Supportive information shall be submitted on the form provided (Annex A) and shall include the *curriculum vitae* of the treating orthodontist in addition to the video (MP4 or MOV), the submission must also include a short narrative of no more than three (3) pages in length, authored by the submitting Fellow or organization, describing how orthodontic treatment positively changed the life of their patient. The award winner(s) will



be announced, via the WFO media platforms, at least 1 month before the World Orthodontic Health Day (WOHD) of that year.

Awards Committee. Submissions for The WFO Lee W. Graber "Orthodontics Changing Lives" Award shall be reviewed by current members of the WFO Awards Committee, the WFO Secretary-General, and the President of the WFO. Should the committee feel the need to do so, an external party may be invited to help in the judging of the award. All members of the committee shall have the right to vote in the determination of an award recipient. Voting by proxy is not permitted, but electronic voting is permitted should a member of the committee not be able to attend a face-to-face meeting. Final decisions are made by the WFO Executive Committee on referral from the WFO Awards Committee and may not be challenged. Re-submissions for subsequent year competition are not accepted, unless requested by the committee.

General Award Policy. The intent of The Lee W. Graber Orthodontics Changing Lives Award is to engage WFO Fellows, Affiliates and the public at large. These are anecdotes like those many orthodontists have experienced involving orthodontic treatment and how the treatment has impacted the lives of our patients. The WFO would like to share such experiences with a wider professional and lay audience. WFO hopes that through this, the awareness of the life changing benefits of orthodontic treatment will be amplified.

Policies governing the selection and award process are:

1. The award is to increase the professional and lay exposure of the WFO as well as the orthodontic dental specialty.
2. The Awards and Communications Committees will publicize the award through their projects and the various medias platforms available. Regional WFO representatives and affiliate associations will also encourage participation from WFO Fellows. The timing for the award will be during the WOHD early promotions period, in tandem with the aims of the WOHD.
3. Multiple submissions are not allowed by an individual. A maximum of three (3) awards will be given out every year.
4. All submissions, become the property of the WFO and shall be used on its media platforms in a manner deemed appropriate. Written consent for its use must be obtained and submitted by all participants (parents or guardians for patients under the age of 18) together with the video/media submissions.
5. A certificate and plaque will be presented to the individual winner(s) at the WFO President's breakfast meeting at the AAO Annual Session or at an appropriate regional meeting.



Annex A

SUBMISSION FORM

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Submissions for the WFO Lee W. Graber Orthodontics Changing Lives Award may only be made by a WFO Fellow or WFO Student Member in good standing or a WFO Affiliate Organization in good standing.

Name of Submitting WFO Orthodontist: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nominee's Affiliate Organization _____

Nominating Affiliate Organization: _____

President: _____

Please submit a short narrative of no more than three (3) pages in length, authored by the submitting Fellow and/or their patient or WFO affiliate organization, describing how orthodontic treatment positively changed the life of the patient. The treating orthodontist's curriculum vitae must be attached. The submitted video should be sent in MP4 or MOV format with an online file transfer service.

Email the submitted video (MP4 or MOV format) may be sent, including the requested written documents, by way of an online file transfer service. The video format supporting materials should be submitted to wfo@wf.org.



Video Permission & Consent Form

To participate as a nominee in the “Orthodontics Changing Lives” Competition sponsored by the World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO), the patient (or a parent or guardian for nominees under the age of 18) and submitting orthodontist or WFO affiliated organization must agree to the following terms. These terms are a binding agreement under Missouri, U.S.A. law.

License

Those who have videos and printed text submitted to the World Federation of Orthodontists for the Lee W. Graber Orthodontics Changing Lives Award will retain any intellectual property rights they have in their works, including copyright. This means, for example, they may submit the same work submitted to the WFO to other scholarship programs or contests, keep the work as part of a portfolio, and license it to others for non-exclusive publication. The WFO will not license submitted videos and/or text materials to others.

The WFO is granted license to use, copy, publish, publicly or privately exhibit, distribute, or alter the submitted work as required to meet publication media requirements. This license is perpetual, irrevocable, worldwide, royalty-free, transferable, and non-exclusive (with the right to sublicense). The WFO can use the work in any media, including online. The WFO and its representatives will not pay the those submitting or appearing in the video and associated text or their representative(s) for submission or use of the submission. Awardees may be recognized by way of announcements in social and professional media as well as by local recognition within and by the nominating orthodontist’s office.

The WFO is granted permission to use the submitting orthodontist’s and patient’s name, photograph or other image if provided, biographical information, and interviews made in connection with the WFO sponsored competition, for information and promotion of WOHD, the Orthodontics Changing Lives Competition and the WFO. The WFO and its representatives will give credit when the submission is used, unless there is a practical reason why the WFO cannot, such as formatting, or if the work is being used in a medium where no individual credits are given.

Original Work Requirement

All work submitted to the WFO must be original, meaning the submitting orthodontist and/or named patient created the work based on their own ideas. By submitting a video and supporting text to the WFO, the submitting orthodontist, WFO affiliate organization and/or patient (or parents/guardians) agree that they created it and did not copy it from any other

person, business, school, online source or organization. Submitted work that infringes upon another's intellectual property rights will be disqualified.

Note to Parents or Guardians of Nominees under the age of 18

A parent or guardian must review and sign this Permission/Consent form for a patient under the age of 18 to be considered. Be sure to read all rules and guidelines to make sure that submissions adhere to WFO guidelines.

By way of signature, I agree to the license, permission and consent terms outlined above:

Name and E-Mail of Nominee (Patient's name)—please type or print:

Name of Parent or Guardian if Nominee under 18:

Signature of Nominee or above-named Parent/Guardian:

Date of Signature: _____

Name & E-Mail of Submitting Orthodontist (please type or print):

Signature of above-named submitting orthodontist

Date of Signature: _____

OR

Name of Submitting WFO Affiliate Organization (please type or print):

Name of WFO Affiliate Organization Officer:

Signature of above-named submitting WFO Affiliate Officer

Date of Signature: _____