**Section 592.70 Awarding of Grants**

Grants will be awarded to eligible students selected by the Department who agree to the provisions of this Part. In determining which students will receive grants, the Department shall consider the following:

a) whether or not the student resides in a designated shortage area and shows *an interest in establishing a permanent dental practice in such an area*;

b) financial need as certified by his/her dental school and evidenced by a copy of the student's financial needs analysis;

c) the interest shown by the student in establishing a practice in general dentistry;

d) recommendations from dental school officials regarding the student;

e) the period of time remaining before the student's graduation from dental school;

f) the student's preference as to the location in which he or she desires to establish a dental practice.