DENTAL SCHOOL SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Personal Background
• Tell me about yourself.
• How do you relax? What do you do in your spare time?
• If I asked your peers to describe you, what do you think they would say?
• How would your professors, internship supervisors and employers describe you?
• What motivates you?
• What was the most difficult decision you ever had to make? How did you reach such a decision?
• What is your biggest mistake/failure and what did you learn from it?
• What do you consider to be your greatest asset?
• What is your greatest weakness? What have you done so far to try to improve in this area?
• How do you plan to pay for dental school?

Educational Background
• What was your favorite class in college?
• Have you ever been involved in research?
• Why did you decide to be a XXXXX major? How do you think your major prepared you for dental school?

Career Planning
• Why are you interested in dentistry? How do you know that dentistry is a good career choice for you?
• Why have you selected dentistry over other healthcare fields?
• Why did you apply to this school? What other schools did you apply to?
• What do you see yourself doing ten years from now, professionally, personally, etc.? What would you do if you were not accepted to dental school?

Dentistry As A Profession
• How would you describe the "ideal" dentist?
• What is your understanding of a typical day for a dentist?
• What concerns do you have about becoming a dentist?
• How would you feel about working for a health maintenance organization? What appeals the most to you about being a dentist?

Health Care Environment
• What do you think is the impact of insurance regulations, threats of malpractice, etc. on the dental profession?
• How do you think managed care is going to affect your future as a dental student and as a dentist?
• To what extent do you think the government should get involved with healthcare? Why?
• Do you think there are enough dentists in our communities?

Ethics
• Do you think that HIV positive dentists should be allowed to practice?
• If the US was to adopt socialized medicine, how do you think it would impact healthcare?