



Graduate Student Scholarship Application

The Washington Speech-Language-Hearing Association (WSLHA) offers one scholarship award of at least \$500.00 to a selected WSLHA Student Member who will be, or is currently, attending an advanced degree program for speech-language pathology, communication sciences and disorders, communicative disorders, or audiology at an accredited university program with the intent to practice in WA state after graduation. We encourage all to apply, including individuals who self-identify with historically marginalized backgrounds, including, but not limited to: race, ethnicity, sex, gender identity; gender expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, religion, national origin, disability, culture, language, or dialect and/or veteran status. The recipient will be determined at the September WSLHA board meeting and the winner will be announced shortly thereafter. The recipient will be recognized during the Annual WSLHA Business Meeting and in subsequent WSLHA publications.

Application Process

Completed applications (including letters of recommendation) must be received by the WSLHA office by August 1st. If the applicant is an in-coming first-year graduate student, a copy of a letter of acceptance from an accredited graduate program must accompany the application. Incomplete applications will not be eligible for consideration.

The WSLHA Honors and Awards Committee evaluates applicants for scholarships solely on the information provided in the application packet submitted by the applicant. When information and/or documentation are incomplete, the Honors and Awards Committee must reject the application. All eligible applications will be rated by the Honors and Awards Committee based on the criteria listed below. The highest-scoring applicant will be selected to receive the financial award.

In accordance with ASHA Code of Ethics, WSLHA does not discriminate on the basis of age; citizenship; disability; ethnicity; gender; gender expression; gender identity; genetic information; national origin, including culture, language, dialect, and accent; race; religion; sex; sexual orientation; or veteran status.

Notification of Award

All applicants will be notified no later than the annual WSLHA Business Meeting. The student who meets the highest standards and is selected to be the recipient of the scholarship will be formally recognized through one or more publications and on WSLHA sponsored social media platforms.

Weight of Selection Criteria

Applications will be rated based on the following criteria and weights. Students should submit the following information in order to complete their application:

1. Cumulative undergraduate and graduate GPA (20%)
2. Description of undergraduate and graduate involvement in pre-professional and volunteer organizations. (30%)
3. Statement of career objectives and professional interests (20%)
4. Two letters of recommendation. (20%)
5. Brief statement of intended use of scholarship funds (10%)



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Washington Speech-Language-Hearing Association
Attn: Student Scholarship Committee
5727 Baker Way NW, Suite 200
Gig Harbor, WA 98332
office@wslha.org

Name: _____

Current Address: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Present College/University: _____

College/University for Graduate Study: _____

College/University Advisor: _____

Student Status: Current Graduate Student Incoming Graduate Student

Year in Program (as of fall of this year): _____

*(Optional question) Do you self-identify with any historically marginalized communities? If you wish to share, please do so below:

Include the following with this application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. Cumulative undergraduate and graduate GPA – Unofficial transcript OK
2. Description of undergraduate and graduate involvement in pre-professional and volunteer organizations. (250 words or less)
3. Statement of career objectives and professional interests including intent to practice in WA state after graduation. (500 words or less)
4. Two letters of recommendation. (One must be from a current professor/instructor)
5. Brief statement of intended use of scholarship funds. (250 words or less)
6. Letter of Acceptance from graduate program (if beginning program this year)