

Graduate Student Scholarship Application

The Washington Speech-Language-Hearing Association (WSLHA) offers scholarship awards of at least \$500.00 to selected WSLHA Student Members who will be 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. One scholarship will be awarded to a minority graduate student who identifies as a minority in any of the following or additional categories: race, ethnicity, sex, gender identity/gender expression, sexual orientation, age, religion, national origin, disability, culture, language, or dialect. Awards will be determined at the September WSLHA board meeting and the winner(s) will be announced shortly thereafter. The recipient(s) will be recognized during the Annual WSLHA Convention or Business Meeting and in subsequent WSLHA publications.

Application Process

Completed applications (including letters of recommendation) must be received by the WSLHA office by July 15th. 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. Based upon the number of available scholarships, the highest-scoring applicant(s) will be selected to receive the financial award.

Notification of Award

All applicants will be notified no later than the annual WSLHA Convention. Those students who (a) meet the highest standards and are eligible to receive the WSLHA Student Scholarship, or (b) are selected to be the recipient(s) of the scholarship(s) will be formally recognized through one or more publications and during the annual state WSLHA Convention.

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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APPLICATION: Complete the entire application and include all requested information. Applications must be received by the WSLHA office no later than July 15th. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Mail or email application and other requested information to:

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

Name: ______Current Address: ______

Permanent Address:

| Home Phone: |
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| 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): |

Which minority category(ies) do you identify with:

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)