

Scholarships for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing



This is a resource for students who are preparing for post-secondary education.
Eligibility criteria and availability of funds may change without notice.
Please contact the organization to verify details before applying.

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Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (AG Bell) offers several scholarships for full-time students who are deaf and hard of hearing and who are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree at an accredited mainstream college or university.

This is a merit-based scholarship program with award selection being extremely competitive. While the number and value of awards varies from year to year. In 2010, 144 eligible applications were received and 18 awards were granted, which ranged from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

2011 College Scholarship Program Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible for this program, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Spoken communication must be the applicant's primary mode of communication.
- Hearing loss must have been diagnosed before the applicant's fourth birthday.
- Hearing loss must be bilateral and in the moderate to profound range. Applicants must have an unaided Pure-Tone Average (PTA) of 60dB or greater in the better-hearing ear in the speech frequencies of 500, 1000 and 2000 Hz. Applicants with cochlear implants meet this eligibility requirement. Unilateral (one-sided) hearing loss does not qualify.

Formula for calculating the PTA

On the unaided audiogram, look at the results for the better hearing ear at 500, 1000 and 2000 Hz and add those three numbers together, then divide that total by three. The result is the Pure Tone Average. To be eligible for this award, the applicant's PTA must be 60 or greater.

- Applicant must be enrolled in or have applied to a mainstream and accredited college/university as a full-time student.
- Applicants in the United States must have a minimum cumulative un-weighted GPA of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale (equivalent minimums: 4.06 on a 5.0 scale or 81.25 on a scale of 100). For high school seniors, this is a cumulative GPA for grades 9-11 and the first semester of grade 12. For college freshman, this is cumulative GPA for grades 9-12 and the first semester of college. For college sophomores or higher, it is the cumulative GPA on your college transcript for all semesters completed.

Students applying from countries other than the United States

Applicants must have a minimum 80% cumulative on their high school or secondary school transcripts. For college outside of the United States, applicants must have a ranking equivalent to a minimum 3.25 GPA; for example, in the UK, Australia and India, a minimum of an Upper Second Class ranking is required.

PLEASE NOTE: We are very strict with the eligibility criteria. Without exception, applications that do not meet all of the criteria are screened out of the process and are not considered for an award.

Application

Application is downloadable from AG Bell Website

Application Deadline

The deadline for applications is March 15, 2011. All materials must arrive together in one package at AG Bell by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on March 15, 2011. Only transcripts sent directly from the educational

institution will be accepted separately from the application.

Application package should be mailed/delivered to:

2011 College Scholarship Program
AG Bell
3417 Volta Place, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Please Note:

- AG Bell does not confirm receipt of applications. If you would like to know whether or not your application was received, you may choose to send your application using a service that can confirm delivery; please do not require a signature upon delivery. AG Bell does not accept any responsibility nor make exceptions for any delays that may occur due to delivery confirmation or a signature requirement.
- Late and incomplete applications will not be considered under any circumstances.
- Faxed applications will not be accepted under any circumstances.
- Applicants are encouraged to keep a photocopy of their application.
- Applications will not be returned for any reason.
- Please do not contact AG Bell seeking an exception.

Administrative Processes

In the weeks after the application deadline, all applications are screened for eligibility. Eligible applications are then forwarded to the award selection committee for review. Ineligible applications will be discarded.

Once the screening process is complete, applicants will be notified via email of the status of their applications – either the application is not eligible, or the application is being reviewed by the award selection committee. Applicants will also receive information about when they can expect to receive information about the award decisions.

Applicants not selected to receive an award will be notified by email only. Applicants selected to receive an award will be notified by email and will receive the award check in August 2011.

Have Questions? Need Clarification?

Send your questions via email to: financialaid@agbell.org

For more details about the scholarship programs, please go to:
<http://nc.agbell.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=493>

Association of Library Agencies: Century Scholarship

Description: This scholarship will recruit people with disabilities into the library profession. Annual \$2500 scholarship for services or accommodations that are either not provided by law or otherwise by the University to study for a Master's or Doctorate in Library Science.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/ascla/asclaawards/asclacentury.cfm>

CODA International

MILLIE BROTHER SCHOLARSHIP FOR HEARING CHILDREN OF DEAF ADULTS

The Millie Brother Scholarship is an annual scholarship awarded to hearing children of deaf adults to help them pursue their education. The scholarship can be used for undergraduate or graduate study. This year, 2 scholarships for \$3000 each will be offered. These are one-time scholarships, but you may apply for as many years as you are in school. First-time winners will receive preference. Applicants may compete for both scholarships, but a separate essay is required for each submission.

Applicants must be the hearing son or daughter of Deaf parents.

The scholarship application package is as follows:

1. **The application form** (which can be downloaded for the website)The application is to be completed by the applicant.
2. **Essay: 2-page double-spaced**
 - A. describe how your experience with Deaf parents has shaped your life and your goals.
 - B. include a description of your future career aspirations.
 - C. Essays will be judged for organization, content, and creativity. We encourage you to ask someone else to proofread your essay before you submit it.
3. The **letter of agreement** (last page of the application package) to publish your essay at the end of the application. The letter of agreement form must be faxed back to us at: 781-283-3730.
4. In addition to 1-3 above, each applicant must submit:
 - A. an **official transcript** from your high school and your college or university if you are currently enrolled. Unofficial transcripts will not be accepted. Transcripts can take several weeks to process, so we encourage you arrange your transcript requests well in advance of the April deadline.
 - B. **two sealed letters of recommendation** from teachers (recommendation forms available online)

The application package is not considered submitted until you have received an email confirmation from our office.

Deadline for submission: First Friday in April

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO:
Dr. Jennie E. Pyers
Assistant Professor of Psychology
Wellesley College
106 Central St., SCI480
Wellesley, MA 02481
ATTN: Coda Scholarship Committee
email: coda.scholarship@gmail.com
Tel: 781-283-3736

<http://www.coda-international.org/scholar.html>

Graeme Clark Foundation

The Graeme Clark Scholarship is a unique award open to Nucleus® cochlear implant recipients around the world. Awarded by Cochlear, this Scholarship has been set up to help individuals further themselves by undertaking university studies.

The Scholarship consists of financial assistance toward a minimum three-year undergraduate degree at an accredited university and is paid in annual installments on the completion of each year of study. It is available to those currently completing their final year of high school, to mature aged students who have been accepted into a university course and to current university students.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic achievement and a demonstrated commitment to the Cochlear ideals of leadership and humanity. In the Cochlear Americas region, the amount awarded is \$3,000 a year for a maximum of 4 years. To be eligible for the Graeme Clark Cochlear Scholarship, submit the application (download application from <http://www.cochlearamericas.com/Support/2291.asp>) and following information to:

Cochlear Americas
The Graeme Clark Scholarship
400 Inverness Parkway, Suite 400
Englewood, CO 80112
U.S.A.

Current Application deadline has passed. (August 31, 2010) Check back later for the 2011 application.

Louise Tumarkin Zazove Foundation

Any citizen or permanent resident of the United States with a significant bilateral hearing loss is eligible for consideration by the Foundation, regardless of age, sex, race, geographic location or ethnicity. We generally require at least a 50 dB unaided hearing loss in both ears, and do consider applicants who have a cochlear implant. If there are extenuating circumstances documented in the application, we may consider applicants with less hearing loss. Criteria used for selection of scholarship recipients ensure that the mission of the Foundation is supported. Financial need will increase the possibility of being awarded funds but is only one of many criteria that are taken into account.

Scholarships will be considered only at accredited non-profit schools physically located in the United States, and all funds awarded by the Louise Tumarkin Zazove Foundation will be paid directly to schools on a semester or quarterly basis (depending on the school). Once we select a grantee, we hope to extend that person's scholarship throughout four years of college, provided two things occur:

1. The Foundation receives a copy of the student's grades every quarter or semester to verify the grantee is doing well in school
2. The Foundation receives a copy of the student's tuition statement every semester or quarter, plus a copy of the first two pages of their family/individual tax form every year

Providing the scholarship for four years is not a guaranteed commitment, however, and will be at the sole discretion of the Foundation. A decision will be made on a year-to-year basis for each student, and will include an evaluation of availability of Foundation funds.

Funds will be awarded only for tuition expenses. Although undergraduate level of study will be strongly favored, the Foundation may on occasion consider applications for graduate or high school tuition or other appropriate situations. Let us be clear about privacy: No personal information received by us on an application form--or otherwise--is ever rented, sold, or otherwise distributed by the Foundation.

The final selection of scholarship recipients will be made by the Foundation's board of directors or by designees as directed by the board. When scholarship funds are provided by other organizations, such as the T.A.F.F.Y. Foundation which is supporting a dedicated scholarship for Michigan residents, the specific organization may have input in the decision as well.

A completed application form (which is accessed on-line by clicking on the application form icon - this is on the left bar of the home page, the top of this page, or below), together with all other documents listed below, is required for the application to be considered. We ask that the items in #4, #5 and #6 below be scanned and directly uploaded onto your application site (using the Upload Function on your application site that will be established when you submit an application). Transcripts and Letters of Recommendation should be mailed to:

The Louise Tumarkin Zazove Foundation
c/o Philip Zazove
2903 Craig Rd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Scholarship applications are accepted between January 1 and May 26. To apply for a scholarship, you must establish your own application site on our internal application page. icon is also on the homepage, on the left hand bar; clicking on it there will also take you to the application site. The first time you enter an application, you will be guided in a few simple steps as to how to establish your own application site. Then you can fill out an application and modify it at your discretion until the closure date (May 26). You can also upload some supporting documents and see the status of your application at any time, including who has sent in letters of recommendation. Please be aware that it may take several days (even a week or more) after receiving transcripts and letters of recommendation for us to upload them to your application.

Documents required for an applicant to be considered include, but may not be limited to:

1. A completed scholarship application form. This can be accessed by establishing your own application page on our internal application site.
2. A copy of the applicant's high school and/or college grades sent directly by the school to the Foundation at the above address (these cannot be uploaded onto your application site).
3. At least three letters of recommendation by teachers or others qualified to comment on the educational potential of the applicant, written on the letterhead of the person making the recommendation, and mailed by the letter writer directly to the Foundation. If the applicant knows others in a position to write you a recommendation, such a letter would also be of interest to our

committee. Those letters must be mailed directly to us too and cannot be uploaded onto your application site.

4. Documentation of the severity of the hearing loss (an audiogram or other verification by a qualified professional). This should be uploaded directly onto your application site. We're unable to upload these, so please don't send them to us to upload. If there are multiple pages, please upload as one .pdf or .jpeg document. Please also keep this as a separate file, i.e., do NOT combine this file with your audiogram or other information..
5. The first two pages of the previous year's federal income tax form of the applicant's family. Please send both parents' income forms if they are separated. If you are financially independent of your parents, please upload the first two pages of your own tax form. This should be uploaded directly onto your application site. The two pages should be combined in one .pdf file or .jpeg document. Please also keep this as a separate file, i.e., do NOT combine this file with your audiogram or other information.
6. Any special circumstances by or about the family. This can be either directly input at the end of your application in the "Special Circumstances" section, or can be uploaded onto your application site in the "Other" section. We're unable to upload these, so please don't send them to us to upload.

The above materials should be submitted no later than May 26th for the upcoming school year, whether uploaded or sent by the United States mail. Any material sent by U.S. mail must be postmarked no later than May 26th. The May 26th deadline is strictly adhered to, even for documents over which you have no direct control such as school transcripts and letters of recommendation. **ANY INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.** Thus, if you apply for a scholarship, please make it clear to your school(s), all persons writing recommendation letters, and to any person or organization (such as scholarship.com) that may be uploading information for you, that there are no extensions of the deadline.

Your application site allows you to see everything that's been received in support of your application - including whether we've received your transcript and/or your letters of recommendation (as well as who they're from). Therefore you can know whether we've received a letter from a specific person, or if we have the transcript. We strongly suggest that you have everyone send your materials in by May 10, if possible. That way, you can check your application site regularly to see whether anything is missing; if it is, you can contact the appropriate person/entity so they can send the material by May 26th. Remember, it may take a few days even a week or more, for materials sent via U.S. mail to appear on your application site. So, if it's the last few days before May 26th and you have any questions, please contact philip@ltzfoundation.org. Of course, if you have any questions not answered by the information on this page or your application site, feel free to contact us at any time. Should your address, email, or telephone number change after you've replied, please make the appropriate changes in your application so we can contact you if necessary.

All applicants will be notified of the Foundation's decisions by July 31, and funds will be dispersed to the appropriate institution before the school year starts.

<http://www.ltzfoundation.org/scholarships.php>

Nebraska Cochlear Implant SERTOMA Club

A \$1,000.00 scholarship to help cover tuition. Applicants may attend any accredited college or university in the United States of America. Public or private universities, colleges, community colleges, as well as trade, nursing, and business schools qualify. The funds may be used for any term, including the summer term, during the awarded academic school year. This scholarship is a non-renewable, one-time award. Payment will be made directly to the Admission Office at the recipient's chosen academic institution. It is made possible by the generous support from the members of The Nebraska CI SERTOMA Club.

Qualifications

- Student must have a cochlear implant.
- Must be a citizen of the United States of America.
- Must be either:
 - a. Presently attending school on a full time basis; or
 - b. Accepted for enrollment at a school on a full time basis.
- Must be pursuing a bachelor's degree or associate degree, in any discipline. Graduate degrees do not qualify.
- Must submit application and all required materials in single envelope by deadline date.

Deadline: All scholarship applications and requested materials must be received at the mailing address indicated below by 4:00 pm Central Standard Time on March 1st each year. If the deadline falls on a weekend, the following Monday will be used as the deadline date.

Nebraska Cochlear Implant SERTOMA Club
Cochlear Implant Scholarship Program
7357 Yosemite Drive
Lincoln, NE 68507-2081
<http://cisertoma.com/scholarship.aspx>

R. Orin Cornett Scholarship Fund

The National Cued Speech Association established the R. Orin Cornett Scholarship Fund in 1997 to aid qualified deaf or hard of hearing students to continue their education past high school. Recipients of this award must have used Cued Speech *as their primary mode of communication during language learning years* **OR** *for five or more years during their education*. Candidates may be entering or attending vocational schools, undergraduate schools or graduate schools.

R. Orin Cornett Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

Qualifications

Recipients of this award must:

- have used Cued Speech as their primary mode of communication during their language learning years **OR** for five or more years during their education, and
- be entering or attending vocational school, undergraduate school or graduate school.

Scholarships from the R. Orin Cornett Scholarship Fund are **NOT** awarded based on financial need, degree of hearing loss or use of a cochlear implant.

Scholarships **ARE** awarded based on the following criteria:

1. The candidate has used/uses Cued Speech as primary mode of communication.
2. The candidate is an individual member or is included in a family membership of the NCSA.
3. NCSA's mission, vision and goals have been and will continue to be represented by the candidate.
4. The candidate will be an advocate for the use of Cued Speech for language, learning and literacy.
5. Every application will be considered on the basis of academic achievements, and other accomplishments including how s/he has represented the mission of NCSA and the use of Cued Speech. All candidates are encouraged to apply.

Applications should be emailed to scholarship@cuedspeech.org by April 1.
<http://www.cuedspeech.org/sub/resources/scholarships.asp>

Sertoma International Scholarships (Oticon - Phonic Ear)

Scholarship Program

\$1,000 scholarship to cover tuition, books and supplies. The funds may be used for any term, including the summer term, during the awarded academic school year. This scholarship is made possible by the generous support from the members of Sertoma and Oticon, Inc.

Qualifications

- Student must have a minimum 40dB bilateral hearing loss as evidenced on audiogram by an SRT of 40dB or greater in both ears.
- Must be a citizen of the United States of America.
- Must be either entering college on a full time basis or currently attending college on a full time basis at a college or university in the United States of America.
- Must be pursuing a bachelor's degree in any discipline. Graduate degrees, associates degrees, community colleges or vocational programs do not qualify.
- Must have a minimum 3.2 on a 4.0 scale un-weighted GPA or be at least 85% in all courses. For high school students entering college this is cumulative GPA for grades 9-11 and first semester of 12th grade. For students currently at a freshman level in college it is cumulative GPA for grades 9-12 and first semester of college. For college students who are sophomores or higher it is your college transcript for all semesters completed.
- Must submit application and all required materials in single envelope by deadline date.

Deadlines

All scholarship applications and requested materials must be received at Sertoma Headquarters by 4:00 pm Central Standard Time on May 1st each year. If the deadline falls on a weekend, the following Monday will be used as the deadline date. Sertoma will acknowledge receipt of applications by e-mail only. If you would like notification include your e-mail address on the application. We will not notify or acknowledge receipt of application by phone. Faxes are not accepted.

Notification to Recipients

All scholarship recipients will be notified by the end of June each year. We cannot send out lists of recipients to those who do not receive a scholarship. We only notify recipients, no notification means the student did not receive the scholarship.

Required materials

The following items are required to complete the application process. These items must be submitted in a single envelope in the order listed. All items received separately will be discarded. Any additional items will be discarded.

- Application - must be on the original form, typed and signed.
- Statement of purpose stating how this scholarship will help you achieve your goals. 1 page maximum.
- 2 Letters of recommendation from hearing professional, teacher or school official.
- High School or College transcript. Transcript must be from school, but not in an official sealed envelope. GPA stated on application must be verifiable from transcript. Transcripts must have school name printed on it.
- Recent audiogram or statement from hearing health professional. Hearing loss level on application must be verifiable from audiogram or statement.
- 1 additional copy of all above items, except for audiogram, must be included. Copy must blank out all references to the student's personal information including the name, address, phone, e-mail and social security number.
- Mailing Address

Sertoma Headquarters
Hard of Hearing or Deaf Scholarship Program
1912 E. Meyer Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64132
<http://www.sertoma.org/scholarships>