

Nancy McKinley Scholarship

This annual scholarship is sponsored by Thinking Publications to honor Nancy Lee McKinley. The award is named for Nancy McKinley—an accomplished Speech-Language Pathologist, who contributed immensely to the profession as a Speech-Language Pathologist in the public schools, as a university professor, and as the founder of Thinking Publications. Nancy was an internationally recognized expert on adolescent language disorders: she presented workshops and co-authored numerous journal articles and books on this topic and advocated for provision of services to older students.

Guidelines for Application:

This scholarship will be presented at the WSHA Convention in the spring of each year. The amount to be awarded during the WSHA Convention will be \$1,000. While there are no restrictions on how the money is to be spent, the intent is for it to be used toward education. To apply for the scholarship, a student must meet the following conditions:

1. Be in a speech-language pathology program in an accredited graduate program in the state of Wisconsin.
2. Demonstrate financial need as documented by a written statement in the application.
3. Submit two letters of recommendations that describe clinical and academic abilities. These letters may be from faculty members or supervisors of practicum.
4. Submit a completed application form along with an official transcript of all graduate coursework.

Preference will be given to students who have an interest in the public school setting and a special emphasis on older students with communication disorders. Please indicate in your application what you will do in your employment setting to promote services for older students and advocate for their needs.

The completed application form, graduate transcript, and letters of recommendation **must be received by the WSHA Foundation on or before June 20, 2009**. Incomplete or late applications will be disqualified.

The WSHA Foundation does not discriminate based on race, color, creed, age, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

You may duplicate this form as much as needed.

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APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone Number: (____)_____ Univ Phone Number: (____)_____

Email Address: _____

University: _____

Certification by Chairperson of the graduate program:

I certify that the applicant is currently enrolled or was enrolled during the most recent fall semester in a graduate program and has a major in Speech-Language Pathology.

(Signature and Title)

Responses to the following questions will be rated together with the recommendations and grade point average to determine which applicant excels in clinical, academic, and professional activities; demonstrates financial need; and has experience or interest in public school settings and working with older students. If a response is longer than the space permits, please continue on an additional sheet of paper.

1. What strengths do you bring to your intended profession?

2. Describe the extent of your financial need for this scholarship.

3. Do you qualify for the public school preference cited on the cover page?

___ yes ___ no

Please explain:

4. What professional/community service contributions have you made as a student (e.g., WSHA, NSSLHA, volunteer programs)?

5. What will you do in your eventual employment setting to advocate for services for older students who have communication disorders?

6. Why should you be selected to receive this scholarship

Please be certain to include the two letters of recommendation and your official graduate transcript with this application. If there are questions, contact the WSHA Foundation at CSEasterling@aol.com. All materials must be received at the WSHA Foundation office on or before June 20, 2009. Incomplete or late applications will be disqualified.

Mail application to: Wisconsin Speech-Language-Hearing Association
Foundation, Inc., PO Box 628073, Middleton, WI 53562.