

## **Risa Mari Otto Scholarship**

This memorial scholarship is sponsored by the family and friends of Risa Mari Otto, M.S., CCC-SLP. Risa earned her degree while under treatment for a malignant brain tumor which ultimately caused her death in October 2001. Risa was 28 years old. It is the hope of the various sponsors that Risa's spark and professional enthusiasm will be perpetuated by the recipients of this award who will commit to treat Hispanic clients in their future work as speech-language pathologists.

### **Guidelines for Application:**

This award will be presented during the WSHA Convention. The amount of \$2,000 is intended to be used for expenses of graduate school education. To apply, the student is required to meet these guidelines:

1. Be a student in an accredited graduate program for speech-language pathology in the state of Wisconsin.
2. Demonstrate ability in spoken Spanish with a minimum of 20 undergraduate credits in the Spanish language.
3. Submit two letters of recommendations, which 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 those students who have acquired Spanish speaking skills and who intend to seek employment in facilities which serve the Hispanic community. 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.*

Risa Mari Otto Scholarship  
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.

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(Signature and Title)

Responses to the following questions will be rated together with the recommendations and grade point average to determine which applicant best meets the guidelines for applicants. If a response is longer than the space permits, please continue on an additional sheet of paper.

1. What are your career plans and goals?

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

3. Describe your Spanish language skill level.

4. Describe what or who inspired or motivated you to join this profession.

5. 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](mailto: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.