

2021-2022 Improving the Conversation Scholarship Program

Application Deadline:

May 31, 2021, by
Midnight ET

Email submissions to:

**Student Academy
of Audiology**
saa@audiology.org
800-222-2336

*Applicants will receive
confirmation of application
receipt within 48 hours of
submission.*

The American Academy of Audiology Foundation's Improving the Conversation Scholarship of \$5,000 will be awarded to three students who show exceptional promise as clinical audiologists as evidenced by the students' resumes, letters of recommendation, and personal statements. The Improving the Conversation Scholarships will be awarded only to full-time graduate students in audiology (AuD, PhD, AuD/PhD) in good standing at U.S. universities during the 2021-2022 academic year. Each department may nominate one student for this scholarship.

This scholarship program is generously funded by CapTel from T-Mobile. \$15,000 in scholarship funds are available, and CapTel from T-Mobile is designating up to \$10,000 of these funds for Black students.

A committee of audiologists will review application materials, and award notification will be made by **August 15, 2021**.

Terms and Requirements

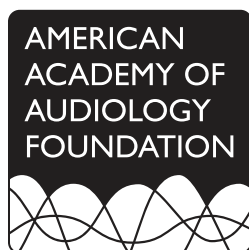
Applicants are required to submit the following:

- 1. Completed application (attached)**
- 2. Resume/CV:** Includes accomplishments in the following areas: clinical skills and experiences, and leadership and service activities as they relate to clinical work. Please include your grade point average, as well as the university's grading scale (*i.e.*, 3.5 with maximum possible of 4 or 3.9 with maximum possible of 5).
- 3. Two letters of recommendation from clinical preceptors. Must address:**
 - a. how long the writer has known the applicant and the nature of the relationship with the applicant.
 - b. the qualities, particularly with respect to patient-focused skills, that provided the basis for this candidate being nominated by the department.
 - c. how the applicant's clinical ability compares to other students whom the writer has known at the same stage of the clinical program.
 - d. ability to apply academic coursework in clinical situations.
- 5. Personal statement:** Describe qualities you believe are characteristic of an outstanding audiologist and discuss your personal goals for becoming a future clinician. In addition, without violating patient confidentiality, describe a specific situation in which you feel that your patient-focused skills were particularly beneficial for your patient, and also reflect on ways in which your patient-focused skills in this situation could have been improved. (*750 words maximum*)

NOTE: Please read the submission criteria carefully. ONLY send the information requested above; applicants who send unrequested documentation may be disqualified from consideration.

Scholarship recipients who attend the AAA Annual Conference are strongly encouraged to attend AAA Foundation functions during the meeting to meet supporters of the Foundation's scholarship programs.

For more information, e-mail saa@audiology.org or call 800-222-2336.



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Personal Information

FIRST NAME

MIDDLE NAME

LAST NAME

HOME ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

TELEPHONE

EMAIL

UNIVERSITY NAME

DEGREE SOUGHT

Year (for 2021-2022): 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th

Anticipated Month/Year of Graduation: _____

Yes, I self-identify as Black and wish to be considered for the scholarship funds designated for Black students.

Yes, I have attached the following as detailed on the application information.

- Completed application
- Resume/CV
- Two letters of recommendation
- Personal statement

Yes, I have read the attached "Policies for All AAAF Scholarships" and "Improving the Conversation Scholarship Program" information and agree to abide by all terms. I also understand that the AAA Foundation reserves all rights to use the information I provide in this application in any and all promotional materials.

I authorize _____ (*university*) to release my academic records to the AAA Foundation verifying enrollment and/or academic standing.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Department Chair/Head or Program Director (*Please Circle One*) Certification

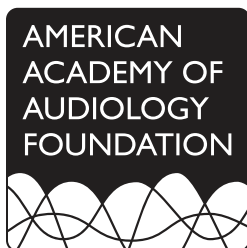
I, _____ (*print name*) have read the description of the Improving the Conversation Scholarship program and understand that my department may nominate one student to be considered for this scholarship.

I certify that _____ (*print name*) has been nominated by our department.

SIGNATURE

TELEPHONE

EMAIL



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Policies for All AAA Foundation Scholarships

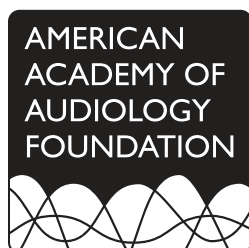
The AAA Foundation currently offers seven types of scholarships for audiology students. Please use this information to select the most appropriate opportunity.

SCHOLARSHIP	AWARD DECISION BASED ON:	AMOUNT	AWARDS PER YEAR	APPLICATION DUE DATE
SAA Student Leader Scholarship	A student who shows exceptional leadership in service to the profession of audiology.	\$1,000	1	October 1
Continued Achievement Scholarship <small>SPONSORED BY <i>AudiologyOnline</i></small>	A student who shows exceptional promise in providing outstanding patient care as a clinical audiologist.	\$2,000	2	April 30
Judith Blumsack Scholarship	A student who demonstrates outstanding clinical skills and who shows promise in terms of clinical research and service to the professional community and/or the community at large.	\$500	1	April 30
Sadanand Singh Memorial Scholarship	A minority and/or international student who shows exceptional promise in audiology research.	\$500	1	April 30
Empowering Students Scholarship <small>SPONSORED BY <i>Oticon, Inc.</i></small>	A student who shows exceptional promise as a clinical audiologist. \$30,000 in scholarship funds are available; up to \$20,000 are designated for Black students.	\$5,000	6	May 31
Improving the Conversation Scholarship Program <small>SPONSORED BY <i>CapTel from T-Mobile</i></small>	A student who shows exceptional promise as a clinical audiologist. \$15,000 in scholarship funds are available; up to \$10,000 are designated for Black students.	\$5,000	3	May 31
Jerry Northern Scholarship in Pediatric Audiology	A student who shows exceptional promise as a clinical audiologist with a focus on the specialty of pediatric audiology.	\$10,000	3	May 31

Policies and Considerations:

1. Unless otherwise noted, individual student scholarships are open to any AuD, PhD, or AuD/PhD student in audiology who will be enrolled at a U.S. university when the grant is awarded except those graduating in December of the current application year for Fall semester scholarships.
2. University audiology programs may nominate/recommend only one student for each scholarship opportunity annually.
3. Students are encouraged to discuss these opportunities with department chairs and/or SAA chapter advisors, and may self-nominate; however, if more than one student from the same university program self-nominates for the same scholarship opportunity, the university may only recommend one student.
4. Students are only eligible to receive one scholarship award per academic year (i.e., August through July annually), although they may apply/be nominated for more than one scholarship.
5. Students are only eligible to receive a specific scholarship one time, although they are eligible to receive a different scholarship in subsequent years.
6. Effective September 2013, no past or current member of the National SAA Board is eligible to apply for the SAA Student Leader Scholarship.

These policies are subject to change; as such, students and university programs are encouraged to visit the Foundation Web site for the most up-to-date information on scholarships.



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