

The American Sign Language Project Scholarship
Posted deadline: June 15th, 2010

The goal of the American Sign Language Project Scholarship is to encourage full-time college students to engage in research leading to noninvasive technologies that will improve communication between Deaf and hearing people.

Amount of Award

\$1000

Number of Winners

One

What scholarship funds may cover

Any portion of tuition, fees, or books.

Scholarship program guidelines

To be eligible, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a full-time undergraduate or full-time graduate student at an accredited four-year university or college in the United States.
- Have permanent U.S. residency
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent)
- Complete the entire application packet
- Propose a research project involving non-invasive technology that will improve communication between Deaf and hearing people. The project will be completed by the applicant as a part of the program requirements.

The American Sign Language Project does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, religious beliefs, or gender.

Relatives of current or former members of The American Sign Language Project are not eligible for the scholarship. Relatives of major contributors to The American Sign Language Project are not eligible for the scholarship.

Application materials must include

- Completed application form, typed or printed. **The application form is at the end of this document.**
- Official college transcript
- A letter of recommendation (500-1000 words) from a teacher who is familiar with your academic record, skills and abilities
- Proof of permanent residency, if not a U.S. citizen
- A 3-5 page description of a proposed research project, including project goals and time line. Explain how the project fills a need not previously addressed. Include an explanation of how the research will create noninvasive technology that will facilitate better communication between Deaf and hearing people. The applicant

must propose a scholarship period, which may not exceed one year. The project must be completed by the applicant during the scholarship period.

Selection Criteria

Applications are evaluated for the following:

- Academic achievement
- Quality of research proposal, including
 - Organization
 - Writing
 - Feasibility of completing the proposed research within the timeline given
- Potential of the proposed research
- Qualifications to complete the research
- Commitment to facilitating better Deaf / hearing communication

A screening committee established by The American Sign Language Project will choose the scholarship recipient.

The winner agrees to allow The American Sign Language Project to use his or her name and photo, image or likeness on the corporation's website and in public announcements and press releases about the scholarship.

Scheduled distribution

\$500 will be distributed at the beginning of the agreed-upon scholarship period, as stated in the recipient's project proposal. The first payment to the recipient will be sent once verification of enrollment during the scholarship period is received from the recipient's school. The first payment will go directly to the recipient's account at the school's Financial Aid Office. The remaining \$500 will be sent once the recipient's final project report is received. The recipient must remain enrolled as a full-time student and maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) during the scholarship period.

Final project report

The final project report should be 2-3 pages and describe the outcomes of the research. In the report, the recipient describes how the stated research goals were met.

Application Period, Process and Deadline

Applications must be postmarked no earlier than 30 days before the posted deadline and must be received by The American Sign Language Project no later than the posted deadline. Applications postmarked earlier than 30 days before the posted deadline or received after the posted deadline will not be accepted

Application materials will not be returned. Please do not send originals of important documents. The American Sign Language Project is not responsible for lost, delayed or misdelivered applications.

Application Delivery Method and Address

Application materials must be sent by U.S. mail to the following address:

Scholarship Committee
The American Sign Language Project
600 W. Roosevelt Road, Suite A-1
Wheaton, IL 60187

No other delivery methods are acceptable.

Scholarship winner

The winner of The American Sign Language Project Scholarship will be notified approximately 6-10 weeks after the posted deadline.

The American Sign Language Project reserves the right to choose no winner if none of the applications meet its selection criteria.

Application Checklist

(Print out and cross off each item as you complete your application packet)

- Completed application form
- Official college transcript
- A letter of recommendation
- Proof of permanent residency, if not a U.S. citizen
- Description of proposed research project

Title _____
School _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____
Telephone _____ Circle: voice TTY
E-Mail address _____

Phone number must be included.

To the best of my knowledge, all information that I have provided in my application is accurate and true and may be verified through any means necessary. I authorize The American Sign Language Project to confirm any details in this application by contacting the appropriate persons.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Mail your completed application to

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This application form cannot be submitted online and must be sent via US Mail to The American Sign Language Project