

# Financial Aid: Hearing Loss/Deafness

## 1. [American Speech Language Hearing Foundation Scholarships for Students with Disability](#)

### WHO'S ELIGIBLE

Graduate students enrolled in a full-time communication sciences and disorders program who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement.

### WHAT IT COVERS

This is one of several graduate scholarships offered by the ASH Foundation in the amount of \$5,000. The scholarship is awarded once annually.

*Online programs are eligible.*

### HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should complete an application, which becomes available via the ASH Foundation's website each year during the spring.

## 2. [AG Bell Financial Aid and Scholarship Program](#)

### WHO'S ELIGIBLE

Full-time students who have hearing loss in the moderately-severe to profound range, have the ability to listen and use spoken language, and who are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree (not in law or public policy). Students must also have a minimum GPA of 3.25 on a 4.00 weighted scale.

### WHAT IT COVERS

Each year, 20 scholarships are awarded in amounts that range from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

*Online programs are eligible.*

### HOW TO APPLY

Students that meet the disability criteria of the scholarship should submit an application along with transcripts, letters of recommendation, proof of disability severity, and other documentation per the application packet.

## 3. [Graduate Fellowship Fund at Gallaudet University](#)

### WHO'S ELIGIBLE

Students who are deaf or hard of hearing with a disability assessment that is no more than three years old. Students must also be admitted to an accredited graduate program. Preference is given to students with a master's degree who are seeking a doctorate.

### WHAT IT COVERS

Awards are administered based on the recommendation of the Graduate Fellowship Fund committee during the application review process. The fund is comprised of eight designated funds, each established with contributions of \$25,000 or more.

*Online programs are eligible.*

### HOW TO APPLY

Qualified students should complete an application packet that includes an application form, a letter from a university official or faculty member that supervises the student's program, an

academic plan, official transcripts, as well as letters of reference and financial standing. Students are also required to submit their completed dissertation upon completion of study.

#### 4. [Minnie Pearl Scholarship Program](#)

##### WHO'S ELIGIBLE

Incoming undergraduate students who are deaf or hard of hearing and have been accepted to a four-year accredited college or university in the United States.

##### WHAT IT COVERS

The scholarship provides an award of \$1,000 for each year of a four-year undergraduate program (\$4,000 maximum per student). The award is forwarded directly to the school to be applied toward tuition and/or other educational expenses.

*Online programs are eligible.*

##### HOW TO APPLY

Students who are currently high school seniors with a GPA of 3.0 or higher can submit an application packet that includes a completed application form, typed essay responses, a recent audiology report, letters of reference, and other supporting documentation.

#### 5. [Sertoma International Hard of Hearing and Deaf Scholarship](#)

##### WHO'S ELIGIBLE

Incoming and current undergraduate students with clinically significant hearing loss who are enrolled in a four-year accredited college program.

##### WHAT IT COVERS

The \$1,000 scholarship award can be used to cover tuition, books, and supplies.

*Online programs are eligible.*

##### HOW TO APPLY

Qualified students should complete an application packet that includes a completed application, letters of recommendation, official transcripts, a recent audiogram, and other supporting documentation.

**Numbers 1 through 5 was found from this link: <http://www.onlineschools.org/financial-aid/disabilities/>**

#### 6. **Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH)**

**Topic: "How My Optimism Will Help Me Press on to Greater Achievements of the Future"**

**Who:** The contest is open to young people through grade 12 in the United States and Canada, to CEGEP in Québec and grade 13 in the Caribbean, who are educated in the United States, Canada or the Caribbean. Students must submit the results of an audiogram completed no longer than 24 months prior to the date of the contest by a qualified audiologist. Students must be certified to have a hearing loss of 40 decibels or more, which must be supported by the audiogram in order to be eligible to compete.

**How To Enter:** Interested students should contact their local Optimist Club. To find out the contact in your area, please e-mail the Programs department at [programs@optimist.org](mailto:programs@optimist.org).

**When:  
Students**

The deadline to enter is determined by the sponsoring Club.

**Clubs and Districts**

The deadline for Clubs to submit their winner to the next level of competition is set by the District. District deadline to submit a winner to Optimist International is June 15, 2015.

For an application with contest rules, [click here](#).

This contest offers an opportunity for children who are deaf or hard of hearing to present their thoughts in the community, gaining skills, which can only come from signing or speaking to a large audience. Patterned after the Optimist Oratorical Contest, the Communication Contest For the Deaf and Hard of Hearing offers hearing impaired youth the chance to compete in speech or sign language.

Source: <http://www.optimist.org/e/member/scholarships2.cfm>