# 2021-2022 Empowering Students 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 Empowering Students Scholarship of \$5,000 will be awarded to six students who show exceptional promise as a clinical audiologist as evidenced by the student's resume, letters of recommendation, and personal statement. The Empowering Students Scholarships will be awarded only to fulltime graduate students in audiology (AuD, PhD, AuD/PhD) in good standing at a U.S. university during the 2021-2022 academic year. Each department may nominate one student for this scholarship.

This scholarship program is generously funded by Oticon, Inc. \$30,000 in scholarship funds are available, and Oticon is designating up to \$20,000 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	M	IDDLE NAME		LAST NAME				
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☐ 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							
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	Resume/CV							
	Two letters of recommendation							
	Personal statement							
☐ Yes, I have read the attached "Policies for All AAAF Scholarships" and "Empowering Students 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.								
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Departr	ment Chair/Head or Progra	am Director (Please	e Circle One) <b>(</b>	Certification				
I, (print name) have read								
the description of the <i>Empowering Students Scholarship program</i> and understand that my department may nominate one student to be considered for this scholarship.								
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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 SPONSORED BY AudiologyOnline	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 SPONSORED BY Oticon, Inc.	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 SPONSORED BY CapTel from T-Mobile	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:**

- 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.
- 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 selfnominates 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.
- 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.

