



## Policies for All AAAF Scholarships

The AAA Foundation currently offers five 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
Empowering People Scholarships	A student who shows exceptional promise as a clinical audiologist	TBD	TBD	April 30
Judith Blumsack Scholarship <i>and</i> Roger Ruth Memorial 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	\$1,000	1 per scholarship	April 30
Sadanand Singh Memorial Scholarship	A minority and/or international student who shows exceptional promise in audiology research	\$1,000	1	April 30
Patient Quality of Life Scholarship	A student who shows exceptional promise in providing outstanding patient care as a clinical audiologist	\$3,000	3	April 30

### Eligibility and Considerations

1. Unless otherwise noted, individual student scholarships are open to any AuD, PhD, or AuD/PhD fulltime audiology student who will be enrolled at a U.S. university and in their second year or above when the scholarship is awarded. Those graduating in December of the current application year for scholarship applications due October 1 and in the Spring/Summer semester of the current application year for scholarship applications due April 30 are ineligible.
2. University audiology programs may nominate 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 (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.
7. 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.



**2017-18 Judith Blumsack Scholarship and Roger Ruth Memorial Scholarship  
Application Information**

Application Deadline: April 30, 2017 at Midnight ET

**About Our Scholarship Honorees**

On the occasion of her retirement from Auburn University in 2014, students, colleagues, friends, and family joined together with the AAA Foundation to honor Judith Blumsack, PhD, with a named scholarship. In addition to her long career as an audiology professor, mentor, and clinician, Dr. Blumsack is a former member of the Foundation Board of Trustees, making her scholarship an especially fitting tribute to an individual that has inspired and touched many over her thirty-plus year career.

Roger Ruth, PhD, was an educator, researcher, clinician, mentor, supporter of the American Academy of Audiology Foundation, and founder of the Academy who passed away in 2009. The Ruth Memorial Scholarship was established by his family, friends, students, and colleagues to support audiology education and foster future audiology clinical scientists.

**About the Scholarships**

The American Academy of Audiology Foundation's \$1,000 Judith Blumsack Scholarship and \$1,000 Roger Ruth Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to students who demonstrate outstanding clinical skills and who shows promise in terms of clinical research and service to the professional community and/or the community at large. The 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 2016-17 academic year. Students must be in at least the second year of their program when the scholarship is awarded and cannot graduate in Spring/Summer 2017. Each department may nominate one student for this scholarship.

A committee of audiologists will review applications, and award notification will be made by August 15, 2017.

Applicants are required to submit the following:

1. Completed application (attached)
2. Resume/CV: Includes leadership positions, service, clinical research experience, and grade point average. Please include the university's grading scale (e.g., 3.5 with maximum possible of 4).
3. Personal Statement: Address your personal career goals in audiology and how they are being accomplished through your current clinical training, research training, and service-related activities. (750 words maximum)
4. Letter of recommendation from departmental faculty. Must address:
  - a. how long the writer has known the applicant/the nature of the relationship with the applicant
  - b. the qualities, particularly with respect to clinical skills, research accomplishments and service activities, 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

**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 are in attendance at AudiologyNOW! are strongly encouraged to attend Foundation functions during the meeting to meet supporters of the Foundation's scholarship programs.

For more information, contact Rissa Duque-Yangson at 703.226.1049 or [ryangson@audiology.org](mailto:ryangson@audiology.org).

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First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

University Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Sought: \_\_\_\_\_

Year (for 2016-17): 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Anticipated Month/Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) have read the description of the Judith Blumsack Scholarship and Roger Ruth Memorial 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I have attached as detailed on the Application Information form:

- Completed application
- Resume/CV
- Personal statement
- Letter of recommendation

Yes, I have read the attached "Policies for All AAAF Scholarships" and "Judith Blumsack Scholarship and Roger Ruth Memorial Scholarship Application 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Email completed application to:**

Rissa Duque-Yangson, Foundation Manager

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703-226-1049

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