



## Policies for All AAAF Scholarships

The AAA Foundation currently offers six 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 Student Scholarship	A student who shows exceptional promise as a clinical audiologist	\$5,000	5	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 Empowering Student Scholarship Application Information

Deadline: April 30, 2017 at Midnight ET

The American Academy of Audiology Foundation's **Empowering Student Scholarship** of \$5,000 will be awarded to five students who show exceptional promise as a clinical audiologist as evidenced by the student's resume, letters of recommendation, and personal statement. The Empowering People Scholarship will be awarded only to a fulltime graduate student in audiology (AuD, PhD, AuD/PhD) in good standing at a U.S. university during the 2016-17 academic year. Each department may nominate one student for this scholarship.

A committee of audiologists will review application materials, 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 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.
4. 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 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, Foundation Program Manager, at 703.226.1049 or [ryangson@audiology.org](mailto:ryangson@audiology.org).

**2017-18 Empowering Student Scholarship Application**  
**Application Deadline: April 30, 2017 at Midnight ET**

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

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

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

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

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

Year (for 2016-17): 1<sup>st</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) have read the description of the Empowering Student 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Yes, I have read the attached "Policies for All AAF Scholarships" and "Empowering Student 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**  
[ryangson@audiology.org](mailto:ryangson@audiology.org)  
**703-226-1049**

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