SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKAGE

SAC BEACH FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS

About SAC Scholarships

Speech-Language & Audiology Canada (SAC) is dedicated to supporting future communication health professionals. As part of this commitment, SAC is proud to offer 28 scholarships to students in graduate speech-language pathology and audiology programs, with a total value of $36,000*. SAC’s Scholarship Program ensures a variety of opportunities for student associates at different stages of their education and within diverse areas of interest.

These scholarships are made possible by generous support from SAC members and valuable partners, including the Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children and the Beach Family Foundation.

In this scholarship application package, you will find descriptions of the Beach Family Scholarships – which offer six individual scholarships, totaling $10,000 – as well as criteria of eligibility and information on how to submit your application.

Applications must be received by Friday, February 1, 2019.

*This application package is for the Beach Family Scholarships – the second cycle of our 2018/2019 SAC Scholarship Program. SAC student associates who applied for scholarships in the first cycle may also apply for scholarships in this cycle, provided they meet the necessary criteria. If you have submitted an application in the first cycle, you may reuse your references and transcripts. The SAC office will have these documents on record.

Beach Family Scholarships

The Beach Family Scholarships were created in 2017 in loving memory of a family member who graduated from a Master’s speech-language pathology program and who was especially passionate about geriatric and pediatric speech-language pathology. The family created the scholarships with the goal of improving communication health services for adults and children across Canada. These scholarships will provide financial support to qualified and passionate individuals wishing to pursue a career as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist.

Preference will be given to students who plan to work in the areas of pediatrics and/or geriatrics in rural, remote or underserved communities.

Note: A community is considered rural or remote if it has a population of less than 10,000 and/or has a population density of less than 150 people per square kilometer.

$2,500 – Placement Support Scholarships

This scholarship is awarded annually to two graduating audiology or speech-language pathology students facing financial barriers to accepting a placement in a rural, remote or underserved community.

$2,000 – Graduate Scholarships

This scholarship is awarded annually to two graduate students who are entering or are enrolled in an audiology or speech-language pathology program who meet the application criteria and who express an interest in serving geriatric and/or pediatric populations in rural, remote or underserved communities.

$500 – Professional Development Scholarships

This scholarship is awarded annually to two students who meet the general application criteria. This scholarship is to help further academic and professional development by providing financial support to attend or present at an SAC conference or event, or to register for an SAC workshop.
Applicant is evaluated on:
• clinical practicum
• essay (including career goals)
• level of academic work
• references
• volunteer involvement (unpaid voluntary work for community organizations)

Applicant must be a:
• Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada.
• SAC student associate.

Students must be able to submit their transcripts in letter grade form (A, B, C, etc.). We are unable to accept transcripts that list grades as passes or fails.

Please note: If you are in your 1st year of a Master’s program, your academic reference can be from a professor from your undergraduate program and you must submit your undergraduate transcripts. The clinical reference form is not mandatory for 1st year students.

If you have submitted an application in the first cycle of the 2018/2019 Scholarship Program, you may reuse your references and transcripts. The SAC office will have these documents on record from your previous application package. Simply mention in your application that you have provided academic references and transcripts in the first scholarship cycle.

Applicant must submit:
• Official academic transcripts from graduate university course work.
• Two references - one from each category:
  1. Full/associate/assistant professor of your department (see academic form).
  2. Agency where the student has undertaken clinical practice (see clinical form).

Academic and clinical forms must be emailed directly from your reference to nancy@sac-oac.ca.

A short essay (max 800* words) about your:
• intended area of practice.
• plans for a professional career in Canada or abroad.
• plans for future participation in professional issues.
• personal opinion on research needs in speech-language pathology or audiology.
• volunteer work accomplished in any field.

Please indicate if:
► this work was related to communication disorders.
► this work was an academic requirement for your program of study.
► you received compensation for this work.

*A final word count must appear at the end of your essay. Additional words are allotted for the Placement Support and Graduate scholarships.
**Placement Support Scholarships**

The placement support scholarships are intended for students facing financial barriers in undertaking a placement in a rural, remote or underserved community. Your placement option must be in a Canadian location. The committee reserves the right to determine if your placement meets the necessary criteria.

*In addition to the general SAC Scholarship criteria* your essay* must address (in two paragraphs or less) the following questions:

- What is your intended population of practice?
- What financial challenges present barriers to your desired placement?
- What is your knowledge of professional services in rural/remote/underserviced areas?
- Where do you plan to do your placement?
- Why is this placement of interest to you?
- When will your placement be confirmed?
- When would your placement start?
- What costs do you anticipate incurring in order to participate in this placement (travel/accommodation/living expenses)?

Your clinical educator must also submit a nomination form (by email) on your behalf. The nomination form can be found on SAC’s scholarships page.

The funds for the recipients of these scholarships will be released once SAC receives an email from your clinical educator indicating that you have accepted the placement. If for any reason you do not undertake your placement, the funds must be returned to SAC. The funds will only be released if your placement is deemed a rural, remote or underserved community at the discretion of the committee.

*An additional 150 words – and no more than two paragraphs – may be allocated to this additional content, for a maximum of 950 words.*

**Graduate Scholarships**

Preference for the graduate scholarships will be given to those intending to work with geriatric and/or pediatric populations in underserved communities. In addition to the general SAC Scholarship criteria your essay** must include a personal opinion on professional services in underserved communities, a statement on your desire/rationale for wanting to work in these communities, your interest in working with a geriatric or pediatric population as well as any volunteer experiences you have had with these groups.

**Professional Development Scholarships**

Priority for these scholarships will be given to students interested in presenting a paper (as a first author) or attending an SAC conference or event. The funds can also be used to attend any SAC workshop. In addition to the general SAC Scholarship criteria your essay** must include a personal statement about what you would like to do (conference, workshop, etc.) and how you will benefit from participating. Funds will be released to the recipients once registration confirmation for the conference/workshop is received.

**An additional 75 words (one paragraph) may be allocated to this additional content, for a maximum of 875 words.*
Additional Information

General information:
- Applicants will be notified by email of their application status.
- Please notify SAC of any changes to the email address given on the application form.
- Proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status and a social insurance number (for a T4 to be issued) must be provided upon request.
- The recipient’s name, university and province may be used in SAC publications.

Frequently Asked Questions
1. Do I have to submit a separate application form for each scholarship? No.
2. If I am applying for more than one scholarship, can I send in only one copy of the documents required (i.e. references, transcripts, research summary, essay)? Yes.
3. Is it okay to include the reference evaluation forms in my package? No. The forms must be emailed by the reference person directly to nancy@sac-oac.ca.
4. Can I submit a photocopy or scanned version of my official transcripts? No.
5. Will my application be accepted if it is postmarked by February 1? No. The SAC office must receive your completed application package no later than February 1, 2019.
6. When will the scholarships be awarded? Spring 2019.
SAC SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION FORM
FEB. 1, 2019

Contact information
First Name: ____________________________
Last Name: ____________________________
Mailing Address: __________________________
City: ____________________________
Province: ____________________________ Postal Code: __________ Telephone Number: ________-
Email Address: __________________________

Education
Current University: __________________________

Identify the scholarships for which you are applying (please check only those for which you meet the specific criteria):
☐ Beach Family Placement Support Scholarship
☐ Beach Family Graduate Scholarship
☐ Beach Family Professional Development Scholarship

 Applicant Information
Population of interest (please check all that apply):
☐ Infant (0–1) ☐ Preschool (2–4) ☐ School-Age (5–17) ☐ Adult (18–64) ☐ Geriatric (65+)
Program: ☐ Speech-language pathology ☐ Audiology
Year(s) completed in program: __________________________
Are you currently enrolled in a Canadian university? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Have you previously received an SAC scholarship? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please complete this application form and submit all required supporting materials by February 1, 2019.

Send to:
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