

## 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 25 scholarships** to students in graduate speech-language pathology and audiology programs, with a **total value of \$33,000**. These scholarships are made possible by **SAC members** and valuable partners, including the **Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children**. New this year are the **Beach Family Scholarships**, which offer **six** individual scholarships, totaling **\$10,000**.

These scholarships are made available to SAC student associates enrolled in speech-language pathology or audiology graduate programs. Criteria for eligibility varies, but SAC's Scholarship Program ensures a variety of opportunities for student associates at varying stages of their education and within diverse areas of interest.

In this scholarship application package, you will find descriptions of the scholarships available to SAC speech-language pathology and audiology student associates, criteria of eligibility and information on how to submit your application.

**Applications must be received by  
Monday, October 30, 2017.**

### 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 to 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.

### \$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 to register for an SAC workshop.*

## BEACH FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

### 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/underserved 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 your placement is not undertaken, the funds must be returned to SAC. Recipients of these scholarships will be required to answer a short questionnaire once they have completed their placement.

### 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) at an SAC Conference. The funds can also be used to attend any SAC workshop (webinars not included). **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.

**\*Please note:** If you are in your 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> year students.

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### \$1,000 - SAC Scholarships

- *Three general scholarships awarded annually*
- *One research scholarship awarded annually*

SAC recognizes that students are a vital part of our membership and are the future of the professions we represent. As part of our ongoing commitment to support student associates in their pursuit of becoming communication health professionals, SAC's Board of Directors has established a policy that states that rebates from our insurance carrier, BMS, must be used to fund four annual scholarships, valued at \$1,000 each. The three general scholarships are awarded as per the general criteria and the research scholarship is awarded as per the research criteria.

### \$1,000 - Grace Margaret Harris Scholarship

A charter member of SAC, Grace Margaret Harris received the Honours of the Association in 1977. In 1992, she was appointed to the Order of Canada for her contributions. The citation said she "...has significantly improved the quality of life for children with hearing impairments..." In her will, she left a bequest to SAC to fund an annual scholarship in support of a student enrolled in a Canadian university.

### \$2,000 - KIDSPEECH™ Scholarship

Long time SAC member, Maria Scaringi, of KIDSPEECH™ & Family Rehabilitation has established a \$2,000 scholarship for a full-time student in a speech-language pathology master's program. This scholarship will be awarded based on academic achievement, references and an essay outlining career goals related to linguistic and cultural needs in children.

### The Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children Scholarships

The Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children develops and supports programs providing services to children with communication disorders and, for more than 40 years, has dedicated nearly \$20 million and countless volunteer hours to improving the lives of these children.

*Preference for the Elks & Royal Purple scholarships will be given to students who plan to pursue a career working with children.*

- **\$2,000 - Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children Susan Lane Scholarship**

*Named in honour of the long-time director of the BC Family Hearing Resource Centre, this scholarship is awarded annually to a student who has been involved in one of the Elks' programs (ISTAR, B.C. Resource Centre, Québec Cochlear Implant Program, N.B. – P.E.I. Deaf Camp, etc.).*

- **\$2,000 - Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children Deborah Kully Scholarship**

*Named in honour of Deborah Kully, the co-founder and long-time (retired) Executive Director of ISTAR (Institute for Stuttering Treatment and Research). Deborah is an honorary member of Grand Lodge of the Elks of Canada. This scholarship is awarded annually to a student who has been involved in one of the Elks' programs (ISTAR, B.C. Resource Centre, Québec Cochlear Implant Program, N.B. – P.E.I. Deaf Camp, etc.).*

- **\$2,000 - Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children William J. Blake Scholarship**

*Named in honour of William Blake, National Executive Director and Executive Administrator of the Elks of Canada for 28 years (1987 - 2015). This scholarship is awarded annually to a student who, in addition to meeting the general criteria, is a member or a relative of a member of the Elks of Canada.*

- **\$1,000 - Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children Gordon Leslie Memorial Scholarships (10 awarded annually)**

*Named in honour of Mr. Gordon Leslie, a benefactor from Marwayne, Alberta, who left a bequest to the Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children. These scholarships are awarded annually to students as per the general criteria.*

## GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

### Applicant is evaluated on:

- clinical practicum
- essay (including career goals)
- level of academic work
- references
- volunteer involvement

### Applicant must be a:

- Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada.
- SAC student associate.
- Full-time student in a master's program in speech-language pathology or audiology. (Students enrolled in their final year of a full-time doctorate degree program (AuD), who have not previously completed a master's degree program in audiology, may also apply.)
- 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.

### Applicant must submit:

- Official academic transcripts from graduate university course work.
- Two references - one from each category:
  1. Appointed faculty member (not an affiliated faculty member) of the university (see academic form).
  2. Outside 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](mailto:nancy@sac-oac.ca).

- A short essay (max 800 words) about his/her:
  - › 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 the volunteer work was related to communication disorders.

The KIDSPEECH™ scholarship is specifically intended for a student who has a career plan to work with children who have linguistic and cultural needs. If you are applying for this

scholarship, in addition to the above-mentioned criteria, your essay must also discuss:

- › your experience with multilingual children from a multicultural environment.
- › your career goals with multilingual children from a multicultural environment.

The SAC research scholarship is intended for a student who conducts a research project during his/her master's degree in audiology or speech-language pathology. If you are applying for this scholarship, in addition to the above-mentioned criteria, your essay must also discuss in a maximum of two paragraphs:

- › your experience as a research assistant in the field of human communication and communication disorders, if applicable.
- › your research project in the field of human communication or communication disorders as well as how it will benefit you in your future career.

### General information:

- Applicants will be notified by email of recipient 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 and/or the Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children 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](mailto: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 October 30? **No. The SAC office must receive your completed application package no later than October 30, 2017.**
6. When will the scholarships be awarded? **Early 2018.**

## APPLICATION FORM

### Contact information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: (     ) - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Education

Current University: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Program:                     Speech-language pathology                     Audiology  
 Year(s) completed in program: \_\_\_\_\_

Identify the scholarships for which you are applying (please check only those for which you meet the specific criteria):

Note: Students in their first year of study are only eligible to apply for the Beach Family Scholarships.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Beach Family Placement Support Scholarship        | <input type="checkbox"/> SAC General Scholarship           | <input type="checkbox"/> Elks (Susan Lane Scholarship)             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beach Family Graduate Scholarship                 | <input type="checkbox"/> SAC Research Scholarship          | <input type="checkbox"/> Elks (Deborah Kully Scholarship)          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beach Family Professional Development Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Grace Margaret Harris Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Elks (William J. Blake Scholarship)       |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> KIDSPEECH™ Scholarship            | <input type="checkbox"/> Elks (Gordon Leslie Memorial 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+)

Are you currently enrolled in a Canadian university?                     Yes                     No

Are you a member or relative of a member of the Elks of Canada?                     Yes                     No

If yes, name of Elks member: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been involved with one of the Elks' programs?                     Yes                     No

If yes, please specify the Elks' program in which you are or have been involved with:

\*Please provide a letter from the program supervisor verifying involvement

Name of program: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this application form and submit all required supporting materials by **October 30, 2017**.

#### Send to:

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