

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 scholarships **available this fall** to SAC speech-language pathology and audiology student associates, as well as criteria of eligibility and information on how to submit your application.

**Applications must be received by
Tuesday, October 30, 2018.**

Applications for the **Beach Family Scholarships – which offer six individual scholarships, totaling \$10,000 – will be open for applications later this year. These scholarships provide financial support for qualified and passionate individuals wishing to pursue a placement in rural, remote or underserved communities. SAC student associates may apply to both sets of scholarships, provided they meet the necessary criteria.*

\$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.

\$1,000 Isabel Richard Scholarships

- *Three scholarships awarded annually*

Isabel Richard was a founding member of the Canadian Speech and Hearing Association (now known as SAC). As the association's first President, her dedication and vision helped establish the association and bring together professionals across Canada. SAC honours her contributions to the professions through the Isabel Richard Scholarships.

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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, SPARC, BC Family Hearing Resource Society, Central Speech and Hearing Clinic and Ontario Voice).

\$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, SPARC, BC Family Hearing Resource Society, Central Speech and Hearing Clinic and Ontario Voice).

\$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.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Elks of Canada, please visit: www.elksofcanada.ca/join-us/

\$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.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

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.
- Full-time student in their final year of 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.
Please Note: Students in the a combined master's/PhD program may apply in their second year provided that they have completed clinical hours with patients.

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. 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 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:

- ▶ 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 KIDSPEECH™ and research scholarships.**

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION CRITERIA

The KIDSPEECH™ scholarship is specifically intended for a student who plans 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.

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

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:

- ◆ 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.

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

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 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.**
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, 2018.**
6. When will the scholarships be awarded? **Early 2019.**

SAC SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION FORM OCT. 30, 2018

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: _____

Volunteer Involvement

Location(s): _____
 Total # of hours: _____ Time period: _____

Was this involvement part of the mandatory requirements for your program? Yes No

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SAC General Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Grace Margaret Harris Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Elks (Deborah Kully Scholarship) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAC Research Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> KIDSPEECH™ Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Elks (William J. Blake Scholarship) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAC Isabel Richard Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Elks (Susan Lane 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

Have you previously received an SAC scholarship? 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 confirming involvement

Name of program: _____ Contact person: _____

Please complete this application form and submit all required supporting materials by **October 30, 2018**.

Send to:

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