



2008 Scholarship Application

Scholarship Criteria and Form

Applicant must be:

- Full-time student from a 4 year accredited college or university. (Full-time status is defined by your college or university. It is determined by a specific number of hours/credits required to be eligible for full-time tuition.)
- Entering undergraduate junior or senior year, or graduate student. (Student may be a sophomore, transfer student or in an accelerated learning program, but must be entering or beyond the second half of their undergraduate education or a graduate student by September 15 of the scholarship year.)
- Major or minor: Speech or directly related communications study.
(If no speech department, communications majors considered)

Scholarship focus:

Potential professional speakers and trainers, speech educators and those who want to or are using their speaking talents for improving the lives of others. This scholarship does not apply to speech pathology, television/radio or mass media, public relations, law, human resources.



National Speakers Association 2008 Scholarship Application

Return completed application to:
National Speakers Association, ATTN: Scholarship Committee
1500 S. Priest Drive, Tempe, AZ 85281
Phone: (480) 968-2552, Fax: (480-968-0911)

Or refer to our Web Site at <http://www.nsaspeaker.org/about/foundation.shtml>

Deadline: Postmarked by June 1, 2008

Name: _____

Name of College/University: _____

Full-time student ___ Yes ___ No Social Security Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

- Undergraduate
last year of college completed as of September 15 of application year
 Sophomore, Junior, Senior
- Graduate Student

Percent of college expenses paid by applicant: _____
Hardship and financial need may be considered.

List awards and honors received – (use extra sheets if necessary)

List extra-curricular activities – (use extra sheets if necessary)

List recent work/employment – (use extra sheets if necessary)

Complete and enclose one copy of the following:

- 1. Scholarship Application:**
- 2. Essay:** The essay should include your career objective, and how you will use your skills in oral communications. 500 words maximum
- 3. Recommendation letter:** must be from a speech teacher or the speech/communications department head or dean.
- 4. Transcript:** one copy of an official transcript of completed college work Total curriculum considered with a special attention to classes in the communications area.

(Do NOT staple, paper clip, or attach any forms together.)

Note: This is an equal opportunity scholarship. (All full-time students with a major or minor in speech or speech communications are eligible.) No student shall be penalized because of ethnic origin, creed, gender, or religious beliefs. No relative or employee of a current member of the Board of Directors of the National Speakers Association or the NSA Foundation or the Scholarship Selection Committee of the National Speakers Association or the administrative staff of the National Speakers Association is eligible for a scholarship.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if my school doesn't have a speech or speech communication major?

The major must be related to speech or communications, or utilize professional speaking and training to improve the lives of others. This scholarship does not apply to speech pathology, television/radio or mass media, public relations, law, human resources.

Am I eligible if I transfer from a Junior College?

Yes if you are entering or beyond the second half of your undergraduate program by September 15 of the scholarship year. At least "junior status."

Am I eligible if I'm in an accelerated adult learning program?

Yes if you are entering or beyond the second half of your undergraduate program by September 15 of the scholarship year. At least "junior status"

How many scholarships are awarded?

Four scholarships are awarded each year.

What is the amount of the scholarship?

Each scholarship is in the amount of \$4,000.

How do you define "full-time" student?

Full-time status is defined by your college or university. It is determined by a specific number of hours/credits required to be eligible for full-time tuition.

Is financial need considered?

Hardship and financial need may be considered. The final decision is not based solely on financial need.

Does the reference letter have to be from a speech teacher or the speech/communications department head or dean?

This is a scholarship for "professional speaking and training" and for those who want to or are using their speaking talents for improving the lives of others. Therefore, a reference letter is needed that attests to these interests/skills/abilities. If you have not yet taken classes in these areas, you may need to apply after you have completed those courses and can submit the appropriate reference letter.

What is the committee looking for in my 500-word essay?

The essay should include your career objective, and how you will use your skills in oral communications to the betterment of those you will lead and serve.