

BEIRNE SCHOLARSHIP FOR ALASKA RESIDENT

SLP OR AUDIOLOGIST STUDENT

Dr. Helen Beirne was instrumental in starting the Alaska Speech and Hearing Association. She is remembered by a great number of individuals as a role model and mentor in the area of speech and language, and in humanitarian work. In memory of Dr. Beirne, the Alaska Speech and Hearing Association presents a scholarship award each year, to a suitably qualified candidate demonstrating a commitment to undertaking studies leading to a graduate degree in communication development and disorders. At this time, in Alaska, it is especially crucial to applaud this pursuit, given a shortage of qualified personnel to assist people experiencing communication problems. Applicants should show pursuit of studies in communication in the area of speech/language or hearing at an accredited institution in the undergraduate or graduate department. The scholarship is valued at \$1000.

The award will be determined by the AKSHA executive board based on information in the scholarship application, teacher recommendations, and/or grades. The committee may give preference to Alaska Native students and applicants working with Alaska Native populations. Additionally, applicants for this scholarship must be **ALASKA RESIDENTS**.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the AKSHA Scholarship subcommittee, P.O. Box 111993, Anchorage, AK 99511 or by emailing questions attention 'Scholarship committee' at aksha907@gmail.com

If you are a student studying to become a Speech Language Pathologist or Audiologist, please complete a scholarship application **by September 25**. Electronic submission is encouraged. Scholarships are awarded at the annual AKSHA convention in October.

Please see the attached application.

**Dr. Helen Dittman Beirne Award
for Commitment to Communication Education**

Application

This scholarship is for Alaska residents who are working on a degree in Speech Language Pathology, Audiology, or an area related to Communication Disorders.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Can you receive text messages on your cell phone? ____

Email: _____

How long have you been an Alaska resident? ____

Are you an Alaska Native? ____

Schools attended:

_____ Dates: _____

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If you have graduated, what undergraduate degree have you received?

_____ Date Received: _____

If you have not received an undergraduate degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders, Speech Pathology, or Audiology, please list some Speech-Language Pathology/ Audiology courses you have taken:

When do you plan to graduate with your graduate degree? _____

References: Who can tell us about you? (two instructor references, or one instructor/one SLP or Audiologist supervisor)

1. Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

2. Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please respond to the following questions:

AKSHA members are interested in hearing about SLP students' experiences. Your submission may be published on the aksha.org website if you win. You may write or type your answers in the spaces provided, or you may attach your answers to your application.

1. What do you hope to do with your degree in communication disorders?

2. How do you currently use your information about communication disorders?

3. What is your experience with Alaska Native populations?

Thank you for your application and your interest in working with people with communication disorders! We will contact you when we select a winner. The scholarship winner will be announced at the Fall AKSHA Conference.

Mail questions, concerns and/or completed applications to AKSHA, P.O. Box 111993, Anchorage, AK 99511 or preferably email attention Scholarship Chair at aksha907@gmail.com by September 25.