**SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT**

**FOR**

**COMMUNICATION DISORDERS (CMD) STUDENTS**

Applications for scholarship are now being sought for both undergraduate and graduate CMD students. Applications must include all supporting materials and electronic copies in PDF format **ONLY** must be submitted via email to **Dr. Zara DeLuca** (delucaz2@southernct.edu) by **5 PM ET** on **Tuesday February 16, 2021**. Hard copies will not be accepted and late submissions will not be reviewed. Undergraduate students are eligible for the Geraldine Garrison Scholarship, the Robert E. Jirsa Memorial Award, the Ruth Landow Markle Scholarship, and the Besse and Harry Satosky Memorial Scholarship. Graduate students are eligible for the Kenneth T. Gist Promising Professional Scholarship, the Carol Satosky‑Druckman Scholarship, the Robert and Lesley Herbst Endowed Scholarship, and Connecticut Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation (CSHF) Scholarships. The scholarships and awards are listed below, with detailed application information. Scholarships A – E are funded by the CSHF and SCSU’s chapter of the National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA). Awardees for Scholarships A – E are selected by SCSU’s Scholarship Committee for Department of Communication Disorders. Scholarships F – I are available through SCSU’s common scholarship application and are awarded through the SCSU Foundation and alumni support.

**SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

**I. Scholarships& Awards**

A. ***The Geraldine Garrison Scholarship.*** This scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate student in Communication Disorders.

1. The student must have completed a minimum of twelve (12) semester hours of Communication Disorders courses.

2. The student must be a Junior who intends to complete the Bachelor's program at Southern Connecticut State University or a Senior who has been accepted into the Communication Disorders graduate program.

B. ***The Robert E. Jirsa Memorial Award***. This will be given each year at Convocation to the graduating senior with a high GPA who has demonstrated exemplary academic performance and service to the university and/or to the field of communication disorders. The award will be selected by the Scholarship Committee from among the three students with the highest GPAs at the end of the fall semester of their senior year. These three students will be contacted and invited to submit a resume and a 1–2-page personal statement to be considered for the award.

C. ***The Kenneth T. Gist Promising Professional Scholarship.*** This scholarship will be awarded to a graduate student in Communication Disorders.

1. The student must have completed a minimum of 75 clinical clock hours at the graduate level.

2. The student is to have demonstrated outstanding clinical skills in Speech‑Language Pathology or Audiology as determined by faculty and staff.

3. The student must show promise of being an all‑around professional, exhibiting empathy, intelligence, knowledge, creativity, sensitivity and the ability to apply theoretical knowledge to clinical practice.

D. ***The CSHF Scholarship***. This scholarship will be awarded to a matriculated full‑time graduate student in Speech‑Language Pathology or Audiology, who has successfully completed a minimum of nine (9) semester hours and has at least one more academic year in the program.

E. ***The Lotus Foundation Scholarship***. This scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student in Communication Disorders that demonstrates COVID-related hardship and need.

1. The student must include a paragraph in their scholarship submission describing hardship and subsequent need.

F. ***The Ruth Landow Markle Scholarship***. This scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate student in Communication Disorders.

1. The student must major in Communication Disorders.

2. The student must present high academic credentials and demonstrate creativity, innovation, and enthusiasm.

  3. The applicant must be a full‑time student entering the junior or senior year.

  4. Preference will be given to female students.

G. ***The Besse and Harry Satosky Memorial Scholarship***. This scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate student in Communication Disorders.

1. The student must be a full‑time undergraduate student as defined by the University.

2. The student must be majoring in Communication Disorders and must be of high academic standing.

H. ***The Carol Satosky‑Druckman Scholarship***. This scholarship will be awarded to a graduate student in Communication Disorders.

1. The student must be a full‑time graduate student as defined by the University.

2. The student must be of high academic standing.

I. ***The Robert and Lesley Herbst Endowed Scholarship***. This scholarship will be awarded to a graduate student in Communication Disorders.

1. The student must be enrolled part‑time or full‑time in graduate study at SCSU.

2. The student must have a GPA of 3.0 or better.

3. The student's contribution to the University and the community will be considered as well as financial need.

**II. For scholarships A – E, students must submit digital copies in PDF format (no email submissions will be accepted):**

A.  CMD Scholarship Application Form (included with this announcement), *in PDF format*

B.  SCSU transcripts and all other relevant transcripts which include grades through the Fall 2020 semester.  Students may submit unofficial transcripts *in PDF format* from school websites.

C.  A personal statement from the applicant that highlights interest in speech-language pathology or audiology, future professional aspirations, and an indication of financial need.  This statement should be *in PDF format* and its total length should be *no more* than 2 pages in length, double-spaced.

D.  Two (2) recommendations from SCSU faculty (Communication Disorders Department faculty preferred).  Students must fill out the recommendation form (included with this announcement) and submit it to the faculty member for completion. Faculty members should electronically submit letters directly to Dr. Zara DeLuca of the CMD Scholarship Committee.  Please contact faculty members with enough time to complete your forms.

 **III. For scholarships F – I, students must apply through SCSU’s scholarship fund.**

A. Please see more on school-wide scholarships here: <https://inside.southernct.edu/foundation-scholarships>

**IV. CMD Scholarship Committee Criteria for Selection**

A. Grade point average within and outside of the department

B. Strength of letters of recommendation

C. Quality and content of writing

D. Evidence of potential success as a practicing speech‑language pathologist or audiologist

E. Eligibility criteria for specific scholarship

**Applications and supporting documentation should be addressed to:**

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**The deadline for receipt of ALL materials is**

**5 PM ET**

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2021.**

\*Release of scholarships is contingent on availability of funds.

*The Scholarship Committee includes Zara DeLuca, Mary Crean, and Richard Zipoli.*