

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT FOR COMMUNICATION DISORDERS (CMD) STUDENTS

The Communication Disorders Department (CMD) of Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) is now soliciting applications for scholarship from both undergraduate and graduate students in CMD. Undergraduate students are eligible for 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 Michael Bruneau Communication Disorders Endowment Award, the Carol Satosky-Druckman Scholarship, the Robert and Lesley Herbst Endowed Scholarship, and Connecticut Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation (CSHF) Scholarship. The scholarships and awards are listed below, with detailed application information. Scholarships A – C are funded by the CSHF, Michael Bruneau Communication Disorders Endowment, and SCSU's chapters of the National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA). Awardees for Scholarships A – C are selected by SCSU's Scholarship Committee for Department of Communication Disorders. Applications for scholarships A – C are submitted to the CMD Scholarship Committee (Zara Waldman DeLuca, Jennifer Rucci, and Shawneen Buckley) and awardees are determined by the committee. Scholarships D – H are available through SCSU's common scholarship application and are awarded through the SCSU Foundation and alumni support. Please visit <https://inside.southernct.edu/onestop/financial-aid/scholarships> for more information and application deadlines on scholarships D – H. Please note that release of all scholarships is contingent on availability of funds.

Scholarship applications must be submitted through Microsoft Forms, and include all supporting materials in PDF format **with their name on every file uploaded. Other file formats will NOT be accepted.** Applications must be submitted by **5 PM ET on Friday, March 7, 2025.** Hard copies will not be accepted and late submissions will not be reviewed. Please contact **Dr. Zara Waldman DeLuca** (delucaz2@southernct.edu), chair of the CMD Scholarship Committee, with any questions.

The link to complete the scholarship application is:

<https://forms.office.com/r/gcpm4XPh7f>

The link for your recommenders to complete the recommendation form is:

<https://forms.office.com/r/sLrAUpHYz9>

SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

I. Scholarships & Awards

A. **The Robert E. Jirsa Memorial Award.** Funded by SCSU's NSSLHA chapter, this scholarship is awarded by invitation only to a 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 Scholarship Committee will invite

three CMD undergraduate students with the highest GPAs at the end of the fall semester of their senior year to apply.

B. *The Kenneth T. Gist Promising Professional Scholarship.* Funded by CSHF, this scholarship will be awarded to a graduate student in Communication Disorders. The scholarship is awarded at the Connecticut Speech-Language-Hearing Association's (CSHA) annual Spring Conference in April.

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.

C. *The CSHF Scholarship.* Funded by CSHF, 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. The scholarship is awarded at the Connecticut Speech-Language-Hearing Association's (CSHA) annual Spring Conference in April.

D. *Michael Bruneau Communication Disorders Endowment Award.* Funded by longtime client in the Access Network at SCSU's Center for Communication Disorders (CCD) Michael Bruneau to support clinical excellence and research, this scholarship will be awarded to a matriculated full-time graduate student in Speech-Language Pathology who has successfully completed a minimum of nine (9) semester hours and has at least one more semester in the program.

E. *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.

F. *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.

G. *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.

H. *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 – D, students must:

A. Complete the scholarship application in Microsoft Forms (link above) and upload the following documents in PDF format (no email submissions will be accepted, please include your name on all uploaded files):

1. SCSU transcripts and all other relevant transcripts which include grades through the Fall 2024 semester. Students may submit unofficial transcripts *in PDF format* from school websites.
2. A current resume.
3. 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 be *no more than 2 pages* in length, double-spaced, in 12 pt font.

B. Provide two (2) recommendations from SCSU faculty (Communication Disorders Department faculty preferred). Recommendations should be submitted by the faculty recommender at the following link (students must provide the link to their selected recommenders): <https://forms.office.com/r/sLrAUpHYz9>

III. For scholarships E – 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

Questions regarding scholarship applications should be addressed to:

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The deadline for receipt of ALL materials is:

5 PM ET

FRIDAY MARCH 7, 2025.