

To: School-based Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists

From: Iowa Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation

Re: Bingham Innovation Award

The Iowa Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation is seeking nominations for the Bingham Innovation Award. This award has been made possible by a donation to the Foundation from Dale and Celia Bingham. Before his death in the fall of 2011, Dale was a retired Iowa speech-language pathologist who once served as the State Consultant. Dale and Celia wished to recognize school-based speech-language pathologists and audiologists.

The mission of the Innovation Award is to stimulate speech-language pathologists' and audiologists' evaluation of current practices and encourage design of new replicable approaches to clinical services. The award is to provide funding (up to \$500) for development/implementation of innovative projects. An innovation is a change in current practices, which is intended to upgrade quality and/or quantity of services to individuals with clinical communication disorders.

Included are the complete guidelines and procedures for applying. The nominee must be a member of ISHA, and the nomination can be made by colleague(s) (with permission) or by self-nomination. Should questions arise, contact ISHA at isha@isha.org. The nominations are due as soon as possible.

The Bingham Innovation Award Committee members will be reviewing the nominations. The award will be announced and presented at the ISHA Annual Convention scheduled each fall. Check on the ISHA website for the current ISHA Convention date and location www.isha.org

Bingham Innovation Award Project Plan

1. Abstract/proposal (limit of 175 words)
Concisely describe aims and address the relation of the project to clinical practice
2. Plan (limit of 2 pages)
 - Rationale/objectives/outcomes including statement regarding impact on students, parents, and schools
 - Methods including description of students and procedures
 - Resources including materials, additional personnel and anticipated costs
3. Biographical sketch (limit of 100 words)

Judgment Criteria for Bingham Innovation Award

1. Clinical implications - significance of creative endeavor and its potential impact (35 points)
2. Feasibility for sustained implementation (25 points)
3. Clarity of project design (25 points)
4. Reasonable financial request - budget items justified (15 points)

Report

1. The award recipient must submit a written report by October of the following year.
2. The report will be submitted to the ISHF secretary.
3. Any publication of material from a project funded by the Bingham Innovation Award must acknowledge the Bingham Innovation Award fund and the Iowa Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation.