

Iowa Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation Nancy Ritchie Memorial Scholarship

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this award is to provide funds to exemplary students majoring in communication disorders at a university or college in Iowa. Preference is given to Speech-Language Pathology majors, however a student majoring in Audiology may apply. Preference is also given to individuals who have an interest in neurological disorders. Extracurricular activities including volunteering in various community settings (ie. church, nursing homes, scouting) will weigh more heavily in the selection process than GPA.

Establishment of the Fund – History:

The seed money for this scholarship, established in 2015, in the amount of \$15,000 was received from Bruce Ritchie, husband of Nancy. The scholarship is also funded through contributions of colleagues, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, friends and family.

Investment of the Fund:

The Iowa Speech-language-Hearing Foundation is responsible for investing donations to this fund. A separate investment account was established (2006) in Nancy Ritchie's name to help sponsor a lectureship at the annual Iowa Speech-Language Hearing Association's annual convention. The account is managed by the Board of Directors of the Iowa Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation with assistance from the Foundation's investment counselors.

Additional Contributions:

This fund can receive additional contributions from any interested party. Contributions can be made through outright gifts, honoraria, memorials and estate gifts. Gifts, whether current or deferred, can be directed to the Nancy Ritchie Memorial Scholarship. Interest earned through the investment of the fund, in addition to the principal, is used to fund this scholarship.

Distribution of Award:

The scholarship recipient is selected by the Scholarship Committee appointed by the Iowa Speech-Language-Hearing Association with input, if possible, from Bruce Ritchie. The award recipient is approved by the Foundation Board of Directors and the scholarship award is presented at the annual meeting of the Iowa Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

The scholarship award in the amount of \$500 was presented for the first time in 2016. The scholarship award in the amount of \$750 was awarded in 2017. In subsequent years the scholarship award will increase to \$1000 per the request of Bruce Ritchie.

If funds still remain upon the death of Bruce Ritchie, he has requested that the scholarship be re-named to the Nancy & Bruce Ritchie Memorial Scholarship. At that time, the ISLH Foundation Board may designate the amount of the scholarship as they see fit.

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