

Niel VerHoef Memorial Award Fund

Purpose:

The purpose of this award is to publicly recognize individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the professions of Speech-Language Pathology and/or Audiology, the Iowa Speech-Language-Hearing Association, or to individuals with communication disabilities.

Establishment of the Fund - History

The Niel VerHoef Memorial Award Fund was established in 2000 in memory of Niel VerHoef through the generous contributions of family and the many colleagues and friends of Mr. Niel VerHoef. It supports both the Niel VerHoef Award and the Niel VerHoef Scholarship.

Niel VerHoef was a dedicated audiologist and an active supporter of ISHA. He was a pioneer in private practice audiology in Iowa. He served as editor of the ISHA Journal and was a member of the Task Force on Licensure and ISHA's 50th Anniversary Committee. Niel was the first chair of the Iowa Board of Examiners for Speech Pathology and Audiology. Because of his many contributions to ISHA, Niel was among the first to be awarded the Honors of the Association.

Investment of the Fund

The Iowa Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation (ISLHF) will be responsible for investing donations to this fund. A separate investment account has been established in Mr. Ver Hoef's name. The account will be managed by the Board of Directors of the Iowa Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation with the assistance of the foundation's investment counselors.

This fund can receive additional contributions from other interested parties. Contributions may be made through outright gifts, honoraria, memorials and estate gifts. Gifts, whether current or deferred, can be directed to this fund using the full name of Niel VerHoef Memorial Award Fund.

Distribution of Award

The Niel VerHoef Memorial Award is a non-monetary award made periodically to recognize members of the Iowa Speech-Language-Hearing Association who have made a significant contributions to the Iowa Speech-Language-Hearing Association, the professions of speech-language pathology and/or audiology, or to individuals with communication disabilities.

A letter of nomination describing the person's contributions to the professions of Speech-Language Pathology and/or Audiology and the Iowa Speech-Language-Hearing Association should be directed to the Secretary, Board of Directors, Iowa Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation by May 1 of the nomination year. The Foundation Board of Directors will be responsible for approving the nomination and the award will be presented at the annual Iowa Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation meeting.

Successor Purpose/Organization

If the original purpose of the Niel VerHoef Memorial Award Fund cannot be fulfilled, the fund may be used to support other appropriate activities as closely similar as possible to the original intent. If the Iowa Speech- Language-Hearing Foundation ceases to exist, this fund shall be continued by the Iowa Speech-Language- Hearing Foundation's successor organization.

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