

Niel VerHoef Memorial Scholarship

Purpose:

The purpose of this award is to provide scholarship funds to exemplary students majoring in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology in a university or college in Iowa. Preference is given to candidates who are residents of Iowa and who have demonstrated a commitment to the professions through extracurricular activities such as volunteer work, community service, special projects, or professional presentations.

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. The scholarship was established in 2005.

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. Interest earned through the investment of the fund is used to generate scholarship awards.

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

An annual scholarship will be awarded to an exemplary student in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology in an Iowa university or college. Preference is given to candidates who are residents of Iowa and who have demonstrated a commitment to the professions through extracurricular activities such as volunteer work, community service, special projects, or professional presentations. The application criteria were established in 2005 and were modified in 2006 by the Iowa Speech-Language Hearing Foundation Board of Directors based on input from the VerHoef family. The scholarship recipient is selected by the Scholarship Committee appointed by the Iowa Speech-Language Hearing Association. The award recipient is approved by the Foundation Board of Directors and the scholarship is presented at the annual meeting of the Iowa Speech-Language Hearing Association.

Successor Purpose/Organization

If the original purpose of the Niel VerHoef Memorial Award Fund (including the scholarship 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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