



The Rocky and Ahme Stone Endowment Scholarship Scholarship Criteria

The Board of Trustees of the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) has established the Rocky and Ahme Stone Endowment Scholarship to assist an HLAA member in attending the annual Convention. This prestigious scholarship, with a value of approximately \$800, will be available for a deserving member of HLAA who has never attended an HLAA Convention, and who has demonstrated interest in and is currently involved with hearing loss issues. The Scholarship Committee has been appointed by the chairperson of the Board and will consider applications and make recommendations to the Board.

Applicants/nominees who are not selected to receive the Rocky and Ahme Stone Scholarship may be considered for other scholarships made possible through corporate funding or donations from HLAA Chapters and State Associations. The Rocky and Ahme Stone Scholarship form will be used in considering all other scholarships.

Who is eligible as a candidate? Any person, regardless of age, is eligible. The applicant/nominee must be a current HLAA member and have never attended an HLAA Convention in the past. The Committee encourages young adults (18-30) with hearing loss as well as parents of a child with hearing loss, to apply.

Criteria for nomination: An applicant/nominee must have demonstrated an interest in remaining actively involved with hearing loss issues and must have indicated that a grant would enable his/her attendance at an HLAA Convention. A nomination/application must be accompanied with an application for HLAA membership if the applicant is not currently a member of HLAA.

Who may nominate? An HLAA Chapter, State Association or State Office, or an individual HLAA member in good standing may submit a nomination. Persons may self-nominate if they are a current member.

Value of the individual grant: The recipient will be awarded a Full-activity Registration package as well as \$500 to be applied to transportation, lodging, and meals. Any expenses exceeding \$500 will be his or her responsibility. The awardee must attend the Convention or return the \$500.

Submission date: Nominations may be mailed, emailed, or faxed. Deadline for receipt is **February 28, 2018**. Mail to the Rocky and Ahme Stone Grant Committee, Hearing Loss Association of America, ATTN: Niaz Siasi, 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 1200, Bethesda, MD 20814, or email to convention@hearingloss.org.

Award Announcement: The selections of the grant recipients will be announced no later than March 30th each year. The HLAA office will inform the nominating person or chapter of the

selected person as well as arrange the delivery of his or her \$500 check. Cashing the check and completing the scholarship registration form will also confirm that the award recipient will attend the Convention.

National Awards Breakfast and Ceremony: Scholarship recipients will be introduced during the National Awards Breakfast and Ceremony on Thursday, June 21.

For more information, contact Niaz Siasi, Meeting Planner at the National office at 301.657.2248, Ext. 101 or convention@hearingloss.org.

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