

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
1200 Higher Education - Scholarships

1212 Speech-Language Pathologist Scholarship Program

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this regulation is to provide eligibility criteria and application procedures for the Speech-Language Pathologist Scholarship Program pursuant to 14 Del.C. §3435(a).

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2.0 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this regulation, shall have the following meaning:

“**Award**” means a scholarship under the Speech-Language Pathologist Scholarship.

“**Delaware Higher Education Office**” or “**DHEO**” means the Department of Education’s Office which administers specific programs related to higher education, including, but not limited to, scholarship and loan programs.

“**Direct Educational Expenses**” means tuition, mandatory fees, room, board, books, and supplies.

“**Full-Time Student**” means a graduate student enrolled in 9 or more credit hours.

“**Institution**” means a post-secondary institution or institution of higher education in Delaware that is accredited, or a candidate for accreditation, by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

“**Student Account Access Site**” means the webpage on the DHEO’s website where students can access scholarship and loan forgiveness opportunities.

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3.0 Application Acceptance and Submission Period

3.1 The application acceptance and submission period for the Speech-Language Pathologist Scholarship Program shall be posted on the DHEO’s website by December 1 of each calendar year.

3.1.1 Applications shall not be accepted outside of the posted application acceptance period under any circumstances.

3.1.2 Incomplete applications shall not be accepted or processed.

3.2 In order for an application to be considered complete, an applicant must complete an application through the Student Account Access Site by the last date of the application acceptance period. The application shall include:

3.2.1 The applicant’s major, name of the applicant’s Institution, and the school year in which the applicant was most recently enrolled.

3.2.2 Applicants may update their enrollment information on the Student Account Access Site through the last date of the application acceptance period.

3.2.3 A first time applicant must establish an account and provide the applicant’s valid email address and permanent mailing address before being permitted to submit the information required in subsection 3.2 of this regulation.

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4.0 Eligibility for Awards

4.1 In order to be eligible for an Award through the Speech-Language Pathologist Scholarship Program, the applicant shall meet the requirements in subsections 4.1.1 and 4.1.2.

4.1.1 The applicant shall meet the definition of residency as provided in 14 Del.C. §3402(f).

4.1.2 The applicant shall be a Full-Time Student enrolled in a graduate program in Delaware that will satisfy the educational requirements to become licensed by the Delaware Board of Speech Pathologists, Audiologists, and Hearing Aid Dispensers as a speech-language pathologist.

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5.0 Awards

- 5.1 DHEO determines the number and amount of Awards to be given annually. The number and amount of Awards each year will vary and is based on and subject to the General Assembly appropriating funds for the Speech-Language Pathologist Scholarship Program.
- 5.2 An Award shall be used for, and not in excess of, Direct Educational Expenses.
- 5.3 An Award may be renewed annually for up to 2 years. To be eligible to renew an Award, students shall complete an application by the date required by the DHEO, meet the requirements of Section 4.0, and maintain Satisfactory Academy Progress. For the purpose of this regulation, Satisfactory Academy Progress means that a student is successfully completing coursework according to the standards of the college or university in which the student is enrolled and the student is eligible to continue to receive financial aid.

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6.0 Award Payment

All Awards shall be disbursed directly to the eligible recipient's college or university only.

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