

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Student Ethics Essay Award

Grantor: American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Closes: 4/13/2012

Maximum: \$750.00

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ASHA is pleased to announce the seventh annual Student Ethics Essay Award (SEEA) competition. This program is conducted as part of ASHA's efforts to enhance ethics education activities. The SEEA is designed to provide opportunities for NSSLHA members who are undergraduate or graduate students in communication sciences and disorders (CSD) to think about ethical decision making as they prepare to start careers in audiology, speech-language pathology, or speech, language, and hearing sciences. The goal of the SEEA is to create greater awareness of situations individuals in CSD careers may encounter that could pose ethical dilemmas and options for addressing these dilemmas.

Students will write an essay on the ethics topic shown below and submit it to their NSSLHA Chapter Advisor for initial review. NSSLHA members who are not affiliated with a specific NSSLHA chapter may submit their entries to their Regional Councilors. Each NSSLHA chapter/Regional Councilor may select up to five student essays for submission to ASHA for the final review and selection process.

Members of ASHA's Board of Ethics will review the entries and select the three winning essays. Monetary prizes (\$750 for first place, \$500 for second place, and \$250 for third place) and certificates will be awarded to the writers of the top three essays. Any or all of the winning essays may be published on the ASHA and/or NSSLHA website, in The ASHA Leader, and/or in other ASHA/NSSLHA publications.

Award Eligibility

Individuals must be a member of a local NSSLHA chapter or a member of the national NSSLHA organization. (Note: Only NSSLHA chapters in good standing with the Association are eligible to submit a member student's essay. NSSLHA chapters may recertify online with the national office.

Individuals must be enrolled part time or full time during the 2011–2012 academic year in an undergraduate or graduate-level CSD program.

Graduate students must be enrolled in a program currently accredited (or in Candidacy status) by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.

2012 Essay Topic

Drawing upon ASHA's Code of Ethics, relevant Issues in Ethics Statements, and other resources, students will write an essay on the following topic: Persons in our professions are as likely as anyone else to suffer from mental illnesses of varying degrees of severity or to suffer from various forms of addiction and substance abuse. The term "impaired practitioner" is widely used to refer to professionals when such illnesses and addictions adversely affect their ability to

carry out their responsibilities. Write an essay in which you consider the ethical issues raised by the problem of impaired professionals, giving attention to such questions as the following:

What ethical responsibilities does the professional have in dealing with his or her own impairment, particularly when it may adversely affect his/her clinical, administrative, supervisory, teaching, research, and/or business practices in the professions of communication sciences and disorders?

What ethical responsibilities do the colleagues, supervisors, and employers of an impaired professional have?

What responsibilities should ASHA have in this area and why?

When the impaired practitioner/researcher falsifies charges for services, misrepresents information in reports or research, abandons patients, fails to document treatment, or violates the Code of Ethics in other ways, should their impairment have a bearing on the findings of the Board of Ethics; and if so, what should that be?

Submission Dates

Student Deadline: Students must submit their completed application forms and essays to their NSSLHA Chapter Advisor or Regional Councilor by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 13, 2012. The essay must also be e-mailed as an MS Word document attachment to your Chapter Advisor/Regional Councilor by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 13, 2012.

NSSLHA Chapter Advisor/Regional Councilor Deadline: The NSSLHA Chapter Advisor/Regional Councilor must submit the completed and signed application form(s) and essay(s) to ASHA by mail postmarked by midnight on Friday, April 20, 2012. The essay(s) must also be e-mailed as an MS Word document attachment to ethics@asha.org no later than midnight on Friday, April 20, 2012.

Authors of winning essays and their Chapter Advisors/Regional Councilors will be notified in early June 2012.

Contact Lorraine Lennon, ASHA's Ethics Program Manager, at llennon@asha.org if you need additional information.

Link: http://www.asha.org/practice/ethics/essay_award/