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National AMBUCS is proud to have awarded over \$9.8 million through our Scholarships for Therapists program since 1955, with a recent average of over \$200,000 a year to 200+ students. Our chapters are integral to that success, both to our fundraising and to finding worthy students for our scholarships.

NOMINATE A STUDENT TODAY

All AMBUCS chapters are eligible to nominate (aka sponsor) one (1) student per year for the Scholarships for Therapists Program. Additionally, chapters may sponsor additional students at a rate of **three (3) nominations** for every **\$600** in donations from your chapter to the Scholarships for Therapists fund.

All student applications and chapter sponsorship nominations are evaluated by the National Scholarships for Therapists Committee based on the following criteria:

Student Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) Students must be pursuing a graduate or higher degree in one of the following fields:
 - a. Physical Therapy
 - b. Occupational Therapy
 - c. Speech-language Pathology
 - d. Audiology
- 2) Students must submit all required supporting documents, including:
 - a. Proof of enrollment in an accredited program
 - b. A personal statement
 - c. Current Student Aid Report (SAR), generated by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Additional Considerations:

- 1) Financial need
- 2) Commitment to local community
- 3) Character for compassion
- 4) Career objectives

By nominating a student for a scholarship, your chapter is helping to further the AMBUCS mission, making a direct connection with a future therapist, and continuing to support a field that suffers from a shortage of clinical practitioners. You can find students by reaching out to universities in your area with relevant therapy programs, or by emailing scholars@ambucs.org to ask about current applicants who may be from your area.

To sponsor a student, just fill out our 1-page Chapter Sponsored Scholarship Form. **Pay special attention to the Recommendation/Comments section.** A strong recommendation



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that addresses considerations listed above (including volunteerism, character, and career objectives) will stand out to the selection committee.

We recommend you get to know your sponsored students through interview or other means, and that you support them in writing a strong personal statement that addresses both their **financial need** and their **unique attributes or accomplishments** that make them a strong candidate for our scholarships. Find more resources at [AMBUCS.org/therapists/scholarship-program](https://www.ambucs.org/therapists/scholarship-program).

TIMELINE

February 1 – May 1, 2023 (at 11:59 pm ET)

Application Opens and Closes for Online Student Submissions

May 15, 2023

Chapter Sponsorship Forms Due to the AMBUCS Resource Center

Mid-May 2023

Named Scholarship donors will be asked to update their giving criteria, if desired.

May 31, 2023

Donation deadline to the Scholarships for Therapists Program. Gifts received by this date will count towards your chapter's giving credit and will be awarded in the 2023-24 academic year.

June 2023

Scholarship Committee meets to award scholarships.

July 2023

Students, chapters and Named Scholarship donors are notified by email.
Recipients will be published on the website.

August 2023

Student award checks are mailed to colleges/universities.