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National AMBUCS is proud to have awarded over \$10 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. 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 level 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, submit the Chapter Sponsored Scholarship Form. **Pay special attention to the Recommendation/Comments section.** A strong recommendation that addresses



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

We recommend you have thoroughly vetted the students you sponsor 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.

TIMELINE

February 1

Application Opens for Online Student Submissions

May 1

Application Closed for Online Student Submissions

May 15

Chapter Sponsorship Forms Due

Mid-May

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

May 31

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 upcoming academic year.

June

Scholarship Committee meets.

July

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

August

Student award checks are mailed to colleges/universities.



Chapters may submit a paper copy of this Chapter-Sponsored Scholarship Form to the AMBUCS Resource Center or respond to the student's online application request for submission of the form, or a student can submit a copy of the PDF form with their application materials. **Note:** The form **MUST** be filled out by the Chapter. For an application to be considered complete, the student must also submit: 1.) a student application, 2.) proof of enrollment/acceptance into an accredited therapy program, 3.) a personal statement, 4.) a Student Aid Report (from FAFSA). Chapters may wish to ask students for these materials as a part of your screening or interview process.

Before submitting a nomination form, please ensure that students meet the scholarship criteria of being **enrolled in a graduate level program for physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech language pathology or audiology**, and that they have demonstrated:

- 1) Financial need
- 2) Commitment to their local community (including involvement with an AMBUCS chapter)
- 3) Character for compassion and integrity
- 4) Career objectives

The Scholarships for Therapists Committee reviews all Chapter-Sponsored Forms carefully and pays special attention to the comments made in your recommendation, so please be thorough and thoughtful in your nomination below.

By submitting this form, you are certifying that your Chapter requests that the applicant below be considered as officially sponsored by the Chapter.

All AMBUCS Chapters are invited to sponsor **one** (1) student for consideration by the Scholarships for Therapists Committee per year. Chapters may nominate up to **three** (3) **additional students for every \$600** your Chapter donates to the Scholarships for Therapists fund annually.

DEADLINE: May 15



THIS FORM IS FOR AMBUCS CHAPTERS ONLY

Asterisk (*) indicates required field

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name*:

Previous Recipient*:

Has this student ever received an AMBUCS scholarship?

Yes

No

Unsure

Mailing Address*:

CHAPTER INFORMATION

Chapter Name*:

Chapter Contact & Title: * *Who is submitting this nomination? Chapter President, Scholarship Chair, etc.*

Email: *

Phone: *

Chapter's Recommendation: *

Describe why you are recommending this student for a need-based scholarship. Required for consideration.