



## **NATIONAL BLACK ASSOCIATION FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE and HEARING**

### **2010 STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD \*\*\*ANNOUNCEMENT\*\*\***

**The National Black Association for Speech-Language & Hearing (NBASLH) invites black students to submit a research paper to its 2010 scholarship competition. The winner will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship during NBASLH's Annual Convention April 15-18, 2010 in Tampa, Florida. The recipient will also receive a travel stipend to attend the convention and present the paper.**

#### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Black student who is enrolled full-time in an ASHA accredited master's program in speech-language pathology, audiology or speech-language-hearing sciences
- The student must be enrolled at the time of the award
- Member of NBASLH

Please note that the competition is not available to undergraduate or doctoral students.

#### **CONTENT**

The research paper must address a topic of scientific or scholarly merit that deals with issues relevant to communication sciences and disorders. It is not mandatory to focus on issues related to multicultural issues or black populations. The paper may address any of the following:

- An empirical investigation that requires data gathering and analysis
- An issue paper that aims to redefine, evaluate or synthesize existing knowledge in ways that offer a new conceptual framework or approach for conducting research or engaging in clinical practice
- A description of a clinical case study which has implications for future research and/or clinical practice

Students who submitted a paper in response to NBASLH's Call for Papers may use the same paper to participate in this scholarship competition. However, the review process and criteria do not necessarily overlap.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 5, 2010**

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The National Black Association for Speech-Language & Hearing (NBASLH) invites black students to submit a research paper to its 2010 competition for a scholarship award. A panel of professionals will use a blind review process to select one recipient for a \$1000 scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded at NBASLH's 2010 annual convention, April 15-18, 2009 in Atlanta, Georgia. The recipient will receive a travel allowance to attend the convention and present the research paper.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: February 5, 2010**

**NOTIFICATION OF OUTCOME: March 15, 2010**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any black student who is enrolled at least half time in a master's degree program in speech-language pathology, audiology or speech and hearing sciences. Post baccalaureate students who are working toward completing the professional academic requirements for entry to a master's program may also apply. **Please note that the competition is not available to undergraduate or doctoral students. The student must be enrolled in school at the time the award is made.**

**CONTENT:** The paper can address any topic of scientific or scholarly merit that deals with issues in communication sciences and disorders. It is not required that the paper focus on black speakers or multicultural issues. It may have any of the following:

- (1) It may be an empirical investigation (requiring data collection and analysis).
- (2) It may be an issue paper (i.e. one that aims to redefine, evaluate and synthesize existing knowledge in ways that offer a new conceptual framework or approach for research or clinical practice).
- (3) It may be a description of a clinical case study which has implications for future research and clinical practice.

Students who submitted a paper in response to NBASLH's Call for Papers (November, 2009.) deadline may use the same paper to participate in this scholarship competition (February 5, 2010) deadline. The Convention Program Committee, therefore, may review the same paper but not in accordance with the guidelines of the 2010 scholarship competition. That is, the participant's paper must be prepared for contest submission as outlined below.

**MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION:** The manuscript's style and format should follow the guidelines specified in the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (5<sup>th</sup> ed.). The student is encouraged to consult with a faculty mentor on the paper. If the student cannot locate a mentor at his/her school, then NBASLH will locate a mentor. Please contact the chair of the Scholarship Committee, A. Bernadette Mayfield-Clarke at bc62489@sbcglobal.net or (336) 334-7616.

Use the guideline below for submitting the paper.

- (1) Submit only one manuscript during the competition year.
- (2) Type and double space the manuscript on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper with 1" margins on all sides
- (3) Make sure the manuscript includes the following information:
  - Cover sheet with the title of the paper, student's full name, address, telephone number, university affiliation, and faculty mentor's name and address.
  - 75 word abstract of the paper with title but **WITHOUT** author identification,
  - 2000 word manuscript (i.e. approximately 8 double spaced pages, exclusive of references and supporting figures and tables), which describes the content of the paper. (An abbreviated title of the paper should appear as a running head at the top of each page **WITHOUT** author's name).
  - Data displayed in figure or table form where appropriate. (Note that tables and figures should be self-explanatory so that text is not needed for clarity).
  - References

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** Papers will be evaluated on the following aspects:

- (1) Completeness (inclusion of a background statement with literature review, rationale for paper, identification of the issue, research question or hypothesis, description of the methods used to collect and analyze data, results and discussion of findings).
- (2) Appropriateness (soundness of method, research design, arguments).
- (3) Manuscript quality (organizational structure, clarity of writing and data representation).
- (4) Significance (contribution of research to existing knowledge in the field).
- (5) Photograph

**MAIL or Email ONE COPY OF MANUSCRIPT to: (Please do not fax or e-mail)**

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