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# **Benefits of ASHA Membership AUD Student Day**

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# ASHA

The national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for more than 186,000 audiologists, speech-language pathologists, speech, language, and hearing scientists, audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel, and students.

[ASHA's Mission](#)



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# National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSSLHA)

## Benefits of NSSLHA Membership

- ◆ "Members Only" Access
- ◆ *Contemporary Issues in Communication Science and Disorders*
- ◆ *NSSLHA Now!*
- ◆ Discounts

[www.asha.org/nsslha/](http://www.asha.org/nsslha/)

# NSSLHA to ASHA Conversion Discount for Membership and Certification

- You Save: \$511-**\$225**=\$286
- To qualify:
  - ◆ You must be a **National** NSSLHA member the year before **AND** the year of your graduation.
  - ◆ Your application **must arrive** in the national office before August 31, up to the year after your graduation.

[www.asha.org/Members/NSSLHA/NSSLHA-to-ASHA-Membership-Conversion-Discount/](http://www.asha.org/Members/NSSLHA/NSSLHA-to-ASHA-Membership-Conversion-Discount/)

# Gift To The Graduate

- For recent graduates who apply for both ASHA membership and certification between May 1 and August 31 of the current year
- Up to 20 months for the price of 12
- Membership benefits and services through December 31, of the next year

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# ASHA Award and Mentoring Programs (I)

- **Advancing Academic-Research Careers (AARC) Award**  
The AARC award is given to new faculty in higher education to support their academic and research endeavors in the field of communication sciences and disorders (CSD).
- **Audiology/Hearing Science Research Travel Award (ARTA)**  
ASHA offers the ARTA for the ASHA Convention to support the research interests of emerging scientists in audiology and hearing science and to encourage careers in science and research.
- **Minority Student Leadership Program (MSLP)**  
The MSLP is open to students from underrepresented populations who wish to enhance their leadership skills, interact with leaders in the professions, and learn how their association works. The 2016 MSLP application will be available March 18–May 9. Subaru is a proud sponsor of the MSLP.
- **Student to Empowered Professional Mentoring Program (S.T.E.P.)**  
S.T.E.P. is an online mentoring program where mentees and mentors communicate to address a short- or long-term goal via e-mail, Skype, phone, text, or Facebook. Mentees and mentors have the option of making arrangements to meet face-to-face; however, face-to-face mentoring isn't a component of the S.T.E.P. program.

# ASHA Award and Mentoring Programs (II)

- **Research Mentoring-Pair Travel Award (RMPTA)**  
RMPTA is designed to foster the professional development of students, clinicians, and emerging scientists who have expressed an interest in research careers in CSD. RMPTA is given in conjunction with the Research Symposium held at the annual ASHA Convention. The award provides free ASHA Convention registration for recipients and their mentors to attend the Symposium.
- **Student Ethics Essay Award (SEEA)**  
The annual SEEA essay competition encourages students to think about ethical decision-making as they prepare for careers in audiology, speech-language pathology, or speech, language, and hearing sciences. SEEA is open to part-time or full-time students enrolled in any undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, or entry-level graduate program in CSD.
- **Students Preparing for Academic-Research Careers (SPARC)**  
The goal of the SPARC program is to foster students' interest in the pursuit of PhD education and careers in academia to address personnel shortages in higher education within the CSD discipline.
- **Student Research Travel Award (SRTA)**  
ASHA offers the SRTA to help students attend ASHA's annual Convention to highlight the research activities of emerging scientists and encourage careers in science and research.

[www.asha.org/students/mentoring/step/](http://www.asha.org/students/mentoring/step/)

[www.asha.org/Students/awards/](http://www.asha.org/Students/awards/)



# ASHA Members Are

- Empowered and Supported!
  - ◆ Science
  - ◆ Standards
  - ◆ Professional practice
  - ◆ Advocacy
  - ◆ Community
- ASHA Benefits Brochure

[www.asha.org/members/benefits](http://www.asha.org/members/benefits)



# Save Money and Time!

- Affinity Member Benefits
  - ◆ Lifestyle Marketplace
  - ◆ Insurance
  - ◆ Professional Services
  - ◆ Discounts
  - ◆ Health and Wellness

[www.asha.org/members/services/affinity/](http://www.asha.org/members/services/affinity/)

# Professional Publications

- ASHA Wire is home for ASHA's four scholarly journals, *The Leader*, and *Perspectives*.
  - ◆ Fully interconnected navigation
  - ◆ Topic collections
  - ◆ Powerful search capabilities

[www.asha.org/publications/](http://www.asha.org/publications/)

# Continuing Education

- ASHA Convention
- E-learning
- Conferences

[www.asha.org/ce/](http://www.asha.org/ce/)

# Advocacy

- Critical Issues
- Therapy Caps
- Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Resources

[www.asha.org/practice/reimbursement/](http://www.asha.org/practice/reimbursement/)

# Special Interest Groups

- SIGs give you *more!*
  - ◆ Perspectives
  - ◆ CEUs (low cost and convenient)
  - ◆ Members-only communities
  - ◆ Exclusive online content
  - ◆ Discounts on select short courses

[www.asha.org/SIG](http://www.asha.org/SIG)

# Volunteer

- Make connections
- Develop technical skills
- Enhance leadership skills
- Grow your career
- Impact the community

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