

Alaska Speech and Hearing Association

Announces the 2009 Dr. Helen Dittman Beirne Awards for Commitment to Communication Education

Dr. Helen Beirne was instrumental in starting the Alaska Speech and Hearing Association. She is remembered by a great number of individuals as a role model and mentor in the area of speech and language, and in humanitarian work. In memory of Dr. Beirne, the Alaska Speech and Hearing Association presents two awards this year, to suitably qualified candidates demonstrating a commitment to undertaking studies leading to a degree in communication development and disorders. At this time, in Alaska, it is especially crucial to applaud this pursuit, since there is a shortage of qualified personnel to assist people experiencing communication problems.

Applicants should show pursuit of studies in communication, in the area of speech/language or hearing at an accredited institution in the undergraduate or graduate department. Each scholarship is valued at \$1000 in the 2009-2010 school year.

Awards will be determined by the executive board based on information in the award application, teacher recommendations, and/or grades.

The committee may give preference to Alaska Native students, and applicants working with Alaska Native population.

Further information may be obtained from the AKSHA website at www.aksha.org or by contacting the Scholarship Committee, Alaska Speech, Language and Hearing Association, 4325 Laurel St #100, Anchorage, AK 99508

e-mail: akcelia@hotmail.com

Applications should be sent directly to Scholarship Committee at above email or street address by August 30, 2009.

Award recipients will be contacted. Recipients will be posted on the website at www.aksha.org

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4325 Laurel St #100, Anchorage, AK 99508

Dr. Helen Dittman Beirne Award for Commitment to Communication Education 2009 Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Schools Attended:

1. _____ Dates: _____

2. _____ Dates: _____

Communication Classes:

Instructors: _____ Dates: _____

Please attach response to the following questions:

Who can tell us about you? (two instructor references)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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What do you hope to do with information about communication disorders? (Attach answer. AKSHA members are interested in hearing about speech, language and hearing students' experiences, and your submission may be published on the aksha.org website if you win.)

How do you currently use your information about communication disorders? (Attach answer. Your answer may be included on the website if you win.)

Are you an Alaskan Native? Yes _____ No _____

Do you work with Alaskan Native population in the area of communication disorders?

If yes, please describe.

US Citizen? Yes _____ No _____

Award questions or concerns may be addressed to Celia Foley, at 240-4841, or akcelia@hotmail.com

Application must be received by August 30, 2009.