



PATRICIA M. STEPHENS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The **Rhode Island Speech-Language-Hearing Association (RISHA)** has established this scholarship to honor Pat Stephens, a long-time member of our organization who served as recording secretary, newsletter co-editor, treasurer, and continuing education administrator. She was a speech-language pathologist in the Woonsocket, RI school system for 13 years, and will be remembered for her dedication to her profession and to RISHA. Pat was a graduate of the University of Rhode Island and Worcester State College.

The amount of the scholarship for 2010 is \$1000.

Application must be received by RISHA by December 30, 2009.

- The winner will be notified by February 15, 2010. The scholarship will be awarded at the RISHA Conference in March, 2010. The selection committee will consist of four speech-language pathologists and one audiologist who are members of RISHA.
- RISHA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, age, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

Eligibility: The following students are invited to apply:

- Graduate students majoring in speech-language pathology or audiology at the University of Rhode Island or Worcester State College.
- Undergraduate students who have been accepted into a graduate program in speech-language pathology or audiology at the University of Rhode Island or Worcester State College.

Criteria

- The recipient shall present evidence of exemplary academic standing, volunteerism in their community, and qualities that would lead to success in the field of speech-language pathology or audiology.
- Selection shall be based on responses to the questions in the application, faculty recommendations, and grade point average.

Name: _____

Address: (school year) _____

Permanent Address (if different) _____

Phone (school year) () _____ **(permanent)** () _____

E-mail address: _____

College/University where scholarship will be used: _____

Check (X) if Undergraduate ____ **Graduate** ____ **Graduate credits completed** ____ **G.P.A.** ____

Certification by faculty advisor or department chairperson: I certify that the applicant is enrolled in, or has been accepted in the graduate program in communicative disorders at the University of Rhode Island or Worcester State College, and has the grade point average indicated above.

Signature and title: _____

Brief personal statement. Indicate why you have chosen speech-language pathology or audiology as a profession, your future goals and plans, special interests and how they will affect your professional life, how this scholarship will assist you, and any other relevant information.

Volunteer or community service activities in which you have participated.

Work history. *You may also attach a resume to this application, if desired.*

List two references. One must be on the faculty in communicative disorders at your college or university.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Please specify how you learned of this scholarship: University Faculty or Posting _____

Friend/Colleague _____ RISHA Website _____ Other (explain) _____

Mail completed application to:
RISHA Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 9241
Providence, RI 02940

Application deadline:
December 30, 2000

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Pat Stephens was born in Providence, RI, and died in January, 2003, at the age of 52. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Rhode Island, and her master's degree in speech-language pathology at Worcester State College.

Pat was a speech-language pathologist for 13 years in the Woonsocket school system and served three years as department head of 15 SLPs. As an active member of Rhode Island Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Pat served on its Executive Board for 13 years, holding the offices of Recording Secretary, Newsletter Co-Editor, Treasurer, and Continuing Education Administrator. She was also active on the RISHA Schools Committee and was one of the first members and supporters of the ASHA Special Interest Division 16, School-Based Issues.

An inspiration to so many of her colleagues and students, Pat was exemplary as a volunteer and is truly missed by all who knew her. RISHA has honored Pat with a scholarship awarded in her name.