

Invitation to Participate: 2019 OSLHA Student Leadership Development Program

The Ohio Speech-Language-Hearing Association hosts an Annual Student Leadership Development Program for currently enrolled students in any of the communication disorders programs at an Ohio institution of higher education and we will celebrate our **10th Annual Program** on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at the 2019 Annual OSLHA Convention, at the Hyatt Regency Columbus, Ohio!

The OSLHA Student Leadership Development Program is designed for currently enrolled communication disorders students with the following purposes:

- To provide education and training in the general area of leadership
- To provide basic understanding of the process and strategies for effective advocacy
- To encourage and facilitate leadership opportunities for graduates of the program.

Programming will include a full day of sessions and attendance at the Thursday evening Legislative Council meeting. Student participants will be recognized and will receive a certificate of completion at the Thursday evening Legislative Council meeting, as well! The program will contain various issues important to students and emerging professionals. Students will interact with various established leaders in the field and engage in personal development activities such as team building and leadership.

Participants are selected for the 2019 event through a competitive application process. Attendance will be limited to ten (10) selected students for the 2019 program and every attempt will be made to select participants representing as many universities as possible.

It is important to adhere to the application process and deadline as indicated below:

- Eligible applicants must:
 - Be a student (undergraduate senior, graduate, doctoral, professional doctoral)
 - Be enrolled, at the time the program is being conducted, in a communication disorders academic program in an Ohio institution
 - Have at least a 3.0 university GPA
 - Be 18 years of age or older at the time of the selection
 - Be a U.S. citizen, a permanent resident of the U.S., or have an F-1 student visa
 - Be a member of OSLHA at the time of the application *and* at the time of participation in the leadership program.
- Applicants are required to submit two letters of support of nomination that include:
 - One letter from a faculty member at their major program of study
 - One letter from the program director or chair of the student's academic program.
 - These letters should confirm the eligibility of the applicant *and* must be written on university letterhead.
- Additional Program Details:
 - OSLHA will provide up to \$60 of reimbursements per individual to cover expenses that pertain to this event (i.e. travel, hotel, meals-no alcohol). Expenses that exceed this amount will be the responsibility of the participant. Original receipts and a mileage expense form (provided at event) must be submitted for reimbursement of eligible expenses, and reimbursements will be paid at close of the Legislative Council meeting.
 - Individuals who are selected for the program are strongly encouraged to register and participate in the convention activities. One-half of the registration fee to attend and participate in the Annual convention will be waived for participants of the Student Leadership Program.
 - Applicants must indicate that they have the necessary financial resources, either personally or from the institution, to participate in the program.
 - Applicants must affirm that they will be available to participate in the entire program which includes attendance at the Legislative Council meeting Thursday evening.

<https://www.ohioslha.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2019SLDPAApplication2.pdf>

Application and two letters of support must be submitted as a packet, electronically, **by January 11, 2019** to the OSLHA Business Office at oslhaoffice@ohioslha.org.

Participants will be notified of selections by Jan 28th.