



FLASHA 2017 Convention Scholarship Application

OVERVIEW

AG Bell Florida recognizes that families with a child who is deaf or hard of hearing may have significant financial pressures. AG Bell Florida is offering the **FLASHA Convention Scholarship** for 10 deserving families to attend this year's FLASHA Convention. This will afford families the opportunity to learn new information and network with professionals and other families.

- (Ten) AG Bell Families awarded a scholarship will receive \$300 to assist with the costs for travel associated with attendance at the convention.
- Access to the FLASHA Rate for hotel of \$119/night (+tax) at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista. The awardee is responsible for all making all travel arrangements as well as food and entertainment outside of what is provided through the convention registration.

Convention Details

Dates: Thursday, May 25, 2017 – Sunday, May 28, 2017

Location: Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista, Lake Buena Vista, Florida

See details about the LSL track on attached flyer

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In order to be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Parent(s) must have a current *paid* AG Bell membership.
- At least one child under the age of 18 must have a bilateral hearing loss or bilateral Auditory Neuropathy diagnosed prior to the child's fourth birthday (pre-lingual). Note: Children with unilateral (one-sided) hearing loss or unilateral auditory neuropathy do not qualify.
- The child's hearing loss must be in the moderately-severe to profound range. This means that applicants must have an unaided Pure-Tone Average (PTA) of 55 dB HL or greater in the better hearing ear in the speech frequencies of 500, 1000, 2000 and 4,000 Hz. * *Children with cochlear implants meet this eligibility requirement. *This may not apply for children who have been diagnosed with Auditory Neuropathy.*
- Listening and Spoken Language must be the child's primary mode of communication.
- Parents/guardians should be able to clearly describe their need for financial assistance and how an award would help their child/family.
- Preference will be given to families who are first-time attendees for a FLASHA Convention.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline for applications is Friday, April 28, 2017. Families are encouraged to apply before the deadline. Email completed application to Debra Knox at: debra.knox@ucf.edu.

Identifying Information (Please type or print clearly):

Name (First, MI, Last):

Mailing Address:

Child's Name: Date of Birth: (month/day/year) Age:

Age of child when hearing loss was diagnosed:

If applicable, age at which he or she was fitted with hearing aid(s):

Does the applicant have a cochlear implant(s)? Yes No

If yes, age at which he or she received the cochlear implant(s):

Relationship to child: Father Mother Legal Guardian

Best phone number to reach you, if necessary:

Email Address:

An email address is required for us to notify you that we have your application. If you do not have an email address, you may provide the email address of a friend, family member, or professional who is willing to help.

Are you a current AG Bell member? Yes No
(Current membership is a requirement to receive financial aid. Please submit membership information/receipt).

Has the applicant ever received Workshop, Conference, and/or Financial Aid from AG Bell Florida?

Yes No
If yes, what year(s)? _____

Has the applicant ever received other AG Bell financial aid awards?

Yes No
If yes, which award(s)? _____

What method of communication is used with your Application child at home and in therapy?
Check all that apply.

- Spoken Language
- Sign Language System (ASL, Signed English, Finger Spelling, etc.)
- Cued Other Speech
- Other

PARENT/GUARDIAN

Please write a paragraph telling us about your reason(s) for applying for Scholarship and what you hope to learn from attending. This essay may be written in a clear hand or typed, but please limit your comments to one page.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

How did you learn about AG Bell Florida's FLASHA Scholarship? (Please check all that apply)

- AG Bell Florida Website
- AG Bell Florida Facebook page
- AG Bell Florida - Connecting Families with Hearing Loss Facebook page
- Through my child's school
- Through my child's Audiologist or Speech-Language Pathologist
- Through an internet search engine
- Recommendation from a friend
- Other _____

PERMISSION FOR CONTACT

From time to time, AG Bell Florida may wish to contact your family as a follow up and to hear about the progress your child has made. AG Bell Florida may also wish to feature your child and/or your family on our AG Bell Florida's Facebook page or web site or for a special media story. On occasion, there may be legislative action or other activity taking place in your region, and we may want to contact you to enlist your assistance.

Please indicate your preference:

- Yes, I would be happy for an AG Bell staff member to contact me in the future
- No, I prefer not to be contacted

AGREEMENT

I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of _____, and that I have included all of the required documents in our application.

I certify that I am a Florida resident.

I further certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all information contained in this application is true and accurate.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature:

Date:

Applications must be emailed to debra.knox@ucf.edu by Friday, 4/28/2017 at 5pm.

Checks will be given out during our AG Bell Florida Luncheon on Saturday, May 27, 2017, 1:00pm-2:00pm.

FLASHA 2017 Annual Convention Track Highlight

LSLS Track

**AG Bell Members can register at the FLASHA
Member rate and earn up to 13 LSLS credits
(pending approval)**

Course Titles to Include:

**Everything you Need to Know and Understand about Quality Public Education for Deaf and
Hard of Hearing Students**

tVISIT: Telepractice Virtual Intervention Services Hearing Loss and Self-Advocacy for All Ages

**Development & Clinical Utility of a Health Related Quality of Life Instrument for Children
with Cochlear Implants**

**Advanced Management of Complex Cochlear Implant Cases: Children with Multiple Medical
Diagnoses**

**Current Issues in Speech and Language Development for Hispanic Bilingual Children with
Hearing Loss**

Amplification - When Hearing Isn't Quite Right

AG Bell Business Meeting & Luncheon

**LSLS 101: An Introduction to Developing Listening and Spoken Language in Children with
Hearing Loss**

Preparing SLP's to Work with Children with Hearing Loss: University Specialty Clinics

**LSLS Live: Live Demonstrations of Therapy Activities Designed to Target Listening and
Spoken Language Goals**