

## **Binghamton Sertoma Scholarship for Students who are Speech and/or Hearing Impaired**

### **What is Sertoma?**

Headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, with a local chapter in Binghamton, New York, Sertoma is a not-for-profit international organization dedicated to “SERvice TO MAnkind,” with 20,000 members in over 700 clubs across Canada, Mexico and the United States. Sertoma’s primary mission is assisting the more than 50 million people with hearing, speech and language disorders. Sertoma also sponsors community projects to promote freedom and democracy, to assist youth, and to benefit a variety of other local community needs. Every year Sertoma Clubs raise more than \$20 million for local community service projects. Through these projects, as well as grants and scholarships, Sertoma clubs return those funds to their respective communities.

### **Who can earn Binghamton Sertoma’s scholarship for students who are speech and/or hearing impaired?**

Students with a clinically significant hearing loss and/or speech disability who reside, with a permanent mailing address, within a Binghamton zip code, or who attend Binghamton High School or Seton Catholic Central High School, are eligible. Documentation of disability is required and should be in the form of a recent statement signed by a health care professional describing the applicant’s disability (e.g., the results of a recent hearing examination signed by an audiologist).

Applicants must be accepted as an entering, or continuing, full-time undergraduate or graduate student at a college or university in the United States for the upcoming school year. Candidates must be pursuing an associate’s, bachelor’s or graduate degree in any discipline.

### **Are there requirements for grades and financial need?**

Each applicant must have a verified cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or at least 80% in all high school and college classes. The program has no specific requirement for financial need. The judges will award scholarships based on merit.

### **Are the scholarships renewable?**

A student may win a scholarship from this program up to four times. However, the student must submit an application and compete with other students annually.

### **What kind of scholarship is this?**

This scholarship is intended to cover tuition, books, and supplies. The funds may be used for any term, including the summer term, during the awarded academic school year.

### **What is the amount of the scholarship?**

The amount of each year’s scholarship will be based, in large part, on the donations received by Binghamton Sertoma and may vary from year to year. The amount of the 2012 scholarship is \$500.00.

**How will the scholarship applications be judged?**

A panel of judges from the Binghamton Sertoma Club will review each application and choose a winner based on each student's past performance, goals, statement of purpose and overall merit.

**When Is The Application Deadline?**

Applications must be received at the school's Guidance Office, or the Binghamton Sertoma Club, by Monday, April 30, 2012. Winners will be announced in May. Binghamton Sertoma will disburse scholarship funds to the recipient before the beginning of the next academic term at the winner's college or university.

**Application Instructions**

Applicants must complete the attached scholarship application, including a statement of purpose. The approved original application form, or a photocopy, is acceptable.

Applicants must submit all materials in a single envelope. Include the original application form and transcripts. Typewritten applications are preferred, or otherwise must be in legible handwriting.

The following attachments to the application must be submitted in the following order:

1. Statement of Purpose (maximum 1 page)
2. 2 letters of recommendation (maximum 1 page each)
3. Letters of acceptance from schools (for high school seniors)
4. Current high school or college grade transcripts
5. Recent statement from a healthcare professional documenting disability

Any other attachments to applications will not be considered and will be discarded. Applications and all accompanying attachments must be received by the April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline as set forth above.

# The Binghamton Sertoma Scholarship Application For Speech and/or Hearing Impaired Students

\*\*\* APPLICATIONS MUST TYPED OR LEGIBLY HAND WRITTEN \*\*\*

Candidate's Name (First name, middle initial, last name, suffix)

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Address for correspondence

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

1) Statement of Purpose (attach one sheet of paper outlining your education and career plans/goals, why you should receive the Binghamton Sertoma scholarship, etc.)

2) School/Degree Program(s):

a) CURRENTLY ENROLLED COLLEGE STUDENTS - Specify name and location of your school and degree you are pursuing.

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRAM/MAJOR: \_\_\_\_\_

DEGREE SOUGHT: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated date of graduation from above program: \_\_\_\_\_

Total credits required for above program: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated total credits applicant will complete during the upcoming academic year:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Attach transcript of college grades.

b) HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ENTERING COLLEGE FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR -  
Specify name and location of the school and degree you will pursue

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

INTENDED PROGRAM/MAJOR: \_\_\_\_\_

DEGREE SOUGHT: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach transcript of high school grades and letter of acceptance to college/university. If undecided, attach acceptance letters from schools under consideration.

3) Cumulative grade point average: \_\_\_\_\_

LIMIT ANSWERS TO SPACE PROVIDED FOR NUMBERS (4) through (7)

4) Honors/Awards Received:

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5) Community/Volunteer Activities:

6) Interscholastic Activities:

7) Extracurricular Activities (including jobs held):

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Don't forget to attach your statement of purpose, two letters of recommendation (preferably from school authorities or professionals in your (intended) field of study), letters of acceptance, current grade transcripts, and documentation of your disability (e.g., a recent audiogram or signed statement from a health professional, including his/her professional credentials.)

I hereby certify that all information in this application is accurate.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_