



The Howard E. “Rocky” Stone Grant Hearing Loss Association of America Convention

The Board of Trustees of the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) has established a Rocky Stone Grant Program to assist HLAA members in attending the annual Convention. One grant with a value of approximately \$800 will be available for 2012 for a member of HLAA who has never attended an HLAA Convention, and who has demonstrated interest in and is currently involved with hearing loss issues. The Rocky Stone Grant Committee will be appointed by the president of the Board and will consider applications and make recommendations to the Board.

Applicants/nominees who are not selected to receive the Rocky Stone Scholarships may be considered for other scholarships made possible through corporate funding or donations from HLAA Chapters and State Associations. The Howard “Rocky” Stone Scholarship form will be used for all scholarships.

Who is eligible as a candidate? Any person, regardless of age, is eligible. The applicant/nominee must be a current HLAA member and have never attended an HLAA Convention in the past. The Committee encourages young adults (18-35) with hearing loss as well as parents of a child with hearing loss, to apply.

Criteria for nomination: An applicant/nominee with hearing loss must have demonstrated an interest in remaining actively involved with hearing loss issues and must have indicated that a grant would enable his/her attendance at an HLAA Convention. A nomination must be accompanied with an application for HLAA membership if the applicant is not currently a member of HLAA.

Who may nominate? An HLAA Chapter, State Association or State Office, or an individual HLAA member in good standing may submit a nomination. Persons may self-nominate if they are a current member.

Value of the individual grant: The recipient will be awarded \$500 to be applied to transportation, lodging, and meals, as well as a registration for the Education Convention package. Any amount exceeding \$500 will be his or her responsibility. The awardee must attend the Convention or return the \$500.

Submission date: Nominations may be mailed, emailed, or faxed. Deadline for receipt is no later than **March 1st** of each year. Mail to the Rocky Stone Grant Committee, Hearing Loss Association of America, ATTN: Nancy Macklin, 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 1200, Bethesda, MD 20814, or email to nmacklin@hearingloss.org.

Award Announcement: The selections of the grant recipients will be announced no later than March 30th each year. The HLAA office will inform the nominating person or chapter of the selected person as well as arrange the delivery of his or her \$500 check. Cashing the check will also attest that the award recipient will attend the Convention. HLAA requests travel arrangements be made through its travel facility if possible (www.hlaatravel.org).

Award Ceremony: Grant awardees will be formally introduced during the convention Award Ceremonies.

For more information, contact Nancy Macklin, Director of Events at the National office at 301.657.2248, Ext. 106 or nmacklin@hearingloss.org.

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