CSD Scholarships and Awards

The Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders has a number of scholarships available on a competitive basis to CSD majors entering their sophomore, junior and/or senior years of study. A general requirement for applicants is that they have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or better. An additional determination of financial need is required for some of these scholarships. Students who meet these criteria are encouraged to apply. Interested CSD majors may apply using the IPFW Common Scholarship application. CSD scholarships are funded through the generous support of the local foundations and organization listed below.

Anne M. Balentine Foundation Scholarship

Tuition reduction for a junior or senior CSD major who demonstrates meritorious scholarship and a career interest in working with persons with multiple disabilities. The Foundation was established by Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Balentine of Bluffton, Indiana in honor of their daughter, Anne, who is severely disabled. An appropriately inscribed plaque hangs in the CSD department office.

Downtown Sertoma - William Doctor/Charles Henry Jr., Communicative Disorders Memorial Scholarship

Tuition reduction for a CSD major who demonstrates scholarly achievement and financial need. It is provided by the Downtown Sertoma Club of Fort Wayne in honor of its deceased founding member/officer. An appropriately inscribed plaque hangs in the CSD department office.

Lucille J. Hess Endowed Scholarship in Communication Sciences and Disorders

Tuition reduction for a junior or senior CSD major with a minimum grade point average of 3.4 overall and of 3.6 in the CSD major. Professor Emerita Hess, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, was a member of the CSD faculty for over 40 years and Chair of the department from 2001 to 2011. An appropriately inscribed plaque hangs in the CSD department office.

Linda L. Ruffolo Endowed Scholarship in Communication Sciences and Disorders

Tuition reduction for a sophomore, junior or senior CSD major enrolled full time at IPFW with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 overall and of 3.5 in the major. Financial need is preferred but not mandatory if based on merit. An appropriately inscribed plaque hangs in the CSD department office. Mrs. Ruffolo had an academic degree in CSD. She always had a special interest in the achievements of the CSD students.

After Sorority All Philanthropic (ASAP) Scholarship

Tuition reduction for a senior CSD major with high academic achievement and financial need. An appropriately inscribed plaque hangs in the CSD department office.

CSD Outstanding Student Award

A cash award provided by the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders to a graduating senior who has excelled in both scholarship and service, chosen by the CSD faculty. An appropriately inscribed plaque hangs in the department office.

The tuition reduction awards typically range from $500 to $1200. Cash awards range from $250 - $500. These amounts vary year to year.