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## **CASLPA Scholarship Program Launched**

**Ottawa, ON** – At its recent annual meeting held May 3-6 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (CASLPA) announced the launch of a new initiative that will offer four new scholarship programs granting 18 scholarships annually ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

The newly launched scholarships include:

Grace Margaret Harris Scholarship – one \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded annually.

AON-CASLPA Scholarship - one \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded annually.

Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children – fifteen \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded annually.

Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children – one \$2,500 scholarship to be awarded annually to an applicant already involved in one of the Elks programs.

The Grace Margaret Harris scholarship is a memorial tribute to a charter member of CASLPA and member of the Order of Canada, who left a bequest to CASLPA in her will to fund this scholarship. AON Reed Stenhouse is a committed CASLPA partner providing professional liability insurance services to members. The Elks and Royal Purple have supported the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology for 40 years and have devoted almost 20 million dollars and countless volunteer hours to improving the lives of children with communication disorders.

The scholarships are available to individuals enrolled in a master's degree program in speech-language pathology or audiology. Applications will be evaluated based on level of academic work, clinical practicum, references and an essay including career goals. Specific criteria and application forms can be downloaded from the CASLPA website: [http://www.caslpa.ca/english/students/caslpa\\_scholarship\\_program.asp](http://www.caslpa.ca/english/students/caslpa_scholarship_program.asp)

The Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists is the national voice of over 4,800 professionals. A not-for-profit association, CASLPA supports the professional needs of its members, champions the interests of those who require speech, language and hearing services and promotes awareness of how speech-language pathologists and audiologists contribute to the well-being of Canadians living with communication disorders.

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