

2021 National College ASL Scholarship

Eligibility Statement

Deadline: April 16, 2021

Undergraduate students currently majoring or minoring in American Sign Language, Deaf Studies, Deaf Education, or Interpreter Preparation at a community college, college, or university may apply for this scholarship.

Applicants must belong to a chapter of the ASL Honor Society on their college campus to be eligible.

Family members of ASLHS and ASLTA-affiliated individuals are barred from applying.

2021 National College ASL Scholarship Application Checklist

To the applicant:

It is your responsibility to complete each of the following requirements by April 16, 2021. If any portion is omitted or postmarked after the deadline, your application will not be considered.

Scholarship Checklist:

- Part A: Confirm your campus has an active ASLHS chapter.....
- Part B: Complete the biography, education, professional plans,
and personal accomplishment sections.....
- Part C: Have your official college transcripts sent.....
- Part D: Complete the written essay.....
- Part E: Complete the ASL essay.....
- Part F: Have two professors write letters of recommendation.....
- Part G: Sign the letter of agreement.....

Transcripts should be mailed separately by the registration office. All other materials in this application, including the USB drive (unless shared via google drive), should be mailed in one packet to:

Jessica Parker
ASL Honor Society
4400 Business Park Blvd. B 22
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Please email questions to:
aslhs-operations@aslta.org



Note: Do NOT send your packet via certified mail or signature required, as this may result in a significant delay.

**Winners will be contacted by:
May 3, 2021**

2021 National College ASL Scholarship, Part A

Before submitting your scholarship application, first verify that your institution's membership with the ASL Honor Society is **current**.

Do this by:

Step 1: Visit the *Chapters* page of the ASLHS website: www.aslhonsociety.org

Step 2: Scroll down and find your state and institution name.

Step 3: If there is an instructor's name and check mark for your school, send in your scholarship application.

Step 4: If there is no instructor name or check mark, your scholarship application will not be processed because your institution is not an active ASLHS member for 2020-2021. See Step 6 for more information.

Step 5: If your institution does not appear on the list at all, then your scholarship application will not be processed because your institution is not an active ASLHS member for 2020-2021. See Step 6 for more information.

Step 6: If your school is not an active member of the ASL Honor Society, discuss your interest in applying for the ASL Scholarship with one of the ASL instructors on your campus. Note that unless your institution joins the ASLHS, your scholarship cannot be processed. ASLHS membership needs to be taken care of prior to submitting your ASL scholarship application.

If your school is not listed on the ASLHS website, and your school IS registered, ask your teacher/professor to print the membership receipt. Include this receipt in your application packet.

2021 National College ASL Scholarship, Part B
Print All Information in Black or Blue Ink

1. Biographical Information

Applicant's Legal Name

Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Street Address

Telephone

City, State, Zip Code

Email

2. ASLHS Participation

Describe your involvement with your campus chapter of the ASL Honor Society to date

Have you participated in the annual Deaf Art or ASL Literature competitions, hosted by the ASL Honor Society?

_____ **Yes. Indicate year/s:** _____

_____ **No**

3. Education Note: ALL information must be included. Do not leave any blanks.

Name of College Currently Attending

College Address

City, State, Zip

Student ID Number

Registration/ Enrollment Office Telephone Number

Planned Graduation Date

Financial Aid Office Telephone Number

Financial Aid Office Fax Number

Current Status (circle one): Freshman / Sophomore / Junior / Senior / Other

How Many Terms of ASL Courses Have You Taken? _____

Academic Year (check one) ___ **Semesters** ___ **Quarters** ___ **Other**

You are a Declared: ___ **ASL Major**

___ **ASL Minor**

___ **Deaf Studies Major**

___ **Deaf Studies Minor**

___ **Deaf Education Major**

___ **Deaf Education Minor**

___ **Interpreter Education**

Students must be attending a college/university that offers ASL-relevant courses

Community College Students: Expected Major _____

List All Courses Taken.

Relevant to: ASL / Deaf Studies / Deaf Education / Interpreter Education

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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4. Professional Plans

Briefly describe your professional plans. How do you see ASL being part of your future career?

How has studying ASL influenced your career options?

5. Personal Accomplishments

Please list any special recognition, honors, or awards you have received during your college years. Academic, athletic, and extracurricular entries are acceptable. Examples: Dean's list; being featured in a local news report, etc.

Please describe any community service or volunteer activities you've been involved with. For each, explain the type of service and its duration. MUST be Deaf-related.

Please describe your involvement in school-related activities. Examples: School government; peer counseling, etc.

Please explain your work experience, including the number of hours worked per week. If you have not held a job during college, please write "none."

Please describe your involvement in Deaf community events and / or organizations, and how you have used your ASL skills outside of class. Examples: Participating in the Deaf Art competition; coordinating an ASL film festival, etc.



REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

To the student: Your application for the national ASL scholarship will not be reviewed without your **official** college transcripts. It is your responsibility to request transcripts be sent by the application deadline. Keep in mind your school may need 1-3 weeks to process a transcript. Give this sheet to your school's registrar or enrollment officer.

To the registrar: The student identified below is applying for a scholarship offered by the ASL Honor Society. Please send one **official copy** of the applicant's complete college transcript to the address below. Seal the envelope and sign across the flap.

Note: Unofficial transcripts are not acceptable.

Send transcripts to:

Jessica Parker
ASL Honor Society
4400 Business Park Blvd. B22
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Name of student requesting transcript: _____

Today's date: _____

Transcripts must be postmarked by April 16, 2021



2021 National College ASL Scholarship, Part D

Written Essay

Instructions: Please attach your essay as a separate document. You may print a copy and include it with your application, or submit a digital copy on the same USB thumbnail drive used for your ASL essay. Save the digital file in a .doc, .txt, or .pdf file format.

Essay Guidelines:

- a. **Minimum one page, single spaced;** maximum two pages.
- b. Essay content should be original and written by you **without** any outside assistance.
- c. The essay will be judged for content, organization, and clarity.
- d. Give the essay a title.
- e. Make sure your name appears below the essay title.

Essay Topic:

The phrase "cultural appropriation" has been used to summarize the Deaf perspective regarding the actions, beliefs, or attitudes of various hearing individuals towards ASL and Deaf culture. In your essay, define "cultural appropriation" and apply it to an examination of one specific instance with which you are familiar. How is this instance an example of cultural appropriation from a Deaf perspective?



ASL Essay

Instructions: Please share your ASL essay via google drive to aslhs-operations@asлта.org. Essays on DVD will not be accepted. You may also attach a USB thumbnail drive with the recorded essay, mailed with the application packet and will not be returned.

Essay Guidelines:

- a. **The ASL essay should be at least 2 minutes long, but no longer than 4-5 minutes.**
- b. Essay content should be original and signed by you **without** any outside assistance.
- c. The essay will be judged for content, organization, and clarity.
- d. Ensure the recording is as clear as possible. Pay attention to: **background distractions, selection of attire, and film quality.** Beware of submitting blurry videos or being too close or too far from the recording equipment.
- e. Please state your full name at the beginning of the video essay.
- f. Failure to follow the above instructions will automatically disqualify this application.

Essay Topic:

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? How will studying ASL now be a part of your future self?



2021 National College ASL Scholarship, Part F Letters of Recommendation

To the Student:

Give this form to two professors who have had you as a student in an academic subject. One professor must be a current or former ASL instructor. Please have the instructor put this form and the letter of recommendation in a sealed envelope with his / her name over the seal. Include the letters of recommendation in your scholarship application packet. Be sure to give both professors adequate time before the application deadline of April 16, 2021.

To the Professor:

Please fill out this form and include a separate letter of recommendation. The recommendation letter must include the student's academic and personal characteristics in addition to your impression and personal knowledge of the applicant. Please return this form along with the letter of recommendation in a sealed envelope to the applicant. Your signature must be across the seal. The ASL Honor Society considers an applicant's current academic achievement, aspirations, and personal qualities in evaluating scholarship applications.

Student's Name: _____

Professor's Name: _____

Professor's phone: _____

Professor's email: _____

Subject(s) taught: _____

How long have you known the applicant, and in what context? _____

What are three words that come to mind to describe the student? _____



Letter of Agreement

By signing your name and submitting this scholarship application, you agree to the following stipulations:

- a. You are currently majoring or minoring in American Sign Language, Deaf Studies, Deaf Education, or Interpreter Education.
- b. You attend a school that is an active member of the ASL Honor Society.
- c. You understand the amount of the ASL scholarship will vary between \$500.00 - \$2,500.00.
- d. If awarded a scholarship, you agree that the funds will be used solely for tuition and applied evenly to each term.
- e. If awarded a scholarship, you understand that the scholarship check will be made payable to the college you attend and applied to your student account only.
- f. You must enroll for courses each term or the balance of the scholarship will be returned to the ASL Honor Society.
- g. It is your responsibility to inform the ASL Honor Society if you transfer schools mid-year.
- h. You understand your application and USB thumbnail drive become the property of the ASL Honor Society.
- i. I understand that the ASL Honor Society does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, ancestry, religion, disability, sex, gender, sexual orientation, military or veteran status, generic information, hearing status, or any other characteristic protected under federal law.

I, _____, agree to the terms of the ASL
please print

scholarship offered by the ASL Honor Society. I understand the competitive nature of national scholarships and that I am not guaranteed a scholarship simply by submitting this application. I affirm that both essays are my own work and I assume full responsibility for their content.

Applicant's Signature

Date