**Joe Gonzalez Scholarship Award**

**Background:** In early January, 2002, the speech language community lost a dear friend and colleague when Dr. Joseph Gonzalez, affectionately known as “Dr. G,” suddenly passed away. For many years, Dr. Gonzalez was a professor in the Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (MS-SLP) program at Nova Southeastern University (NSU). He was both respected and admired by students and his peers and was a strong proponent of online education. Dr. Gonzalez was instrumental in developing the first class in Technological Application in Communication Science and Disorders for our program and he taught a variety of courses in the curriculum. In his memory, the Nova Southeastern University National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSU-NSSLHA) chapter established this scholarship to be awarded annually to a student in the online program. The award shall be used only to provide tuition assistance towards speech-language pathology courses, excluding fees (i.e., registration), to the College graduate students in the MS-SLP Program who demonstrate superior academic achievement.

**Award Amount:** $1,000

**Deadline:** April 1

**Requirements:**

* An online student, enrolled in the Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (MS-SLP) program
* The student must demonstrate professionalism, motivation, leadership, initiative, and personal achievement.
* The student must be in good standing with the Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences (CHCS) and Nova Southeastern University.
* Two professionals familiar with the applicant must supply letters of recommendation.
* Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in the program.
* Must have completed a minimum of 18 credits in the graduate program.

**Contact Information:** Dr. Lea Kaploun [lk385@nova.edu](mailto:lk385@nova.edu)

The recipient will be recognized through an email announcement including a photo to all students and faculty.

ALL application materials must be received by April 1st of each calendar year. Financial award of scholarship will be applied to the subsequent Fall term.

Interested students must:

1. Complete and submit the application.
2. Have two professionals familiar with the applicant supply letters of recommendation.
3. Complete an essay addressing the following topic, using 500 words or less:

*Discuss how you personify an outstanding student in the online program and describe your goals as a future speech-language pathologist.*

Email application, essay, and letters of recommendation to Dr. Lea Kaploun at [lk385@nova.edu](mailto:lk385@nova.edu).

**Dr. Joseph Gonzalez/NSSHLA Scholarship Application**

Applicant’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Semester/year of your first graduate level coursework in NSU’s MS-SLP \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Please tell us from whom we should be expecting your letters of recommendation:

*Name Nature of relationship?*

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