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**Jason Gorny - 2011 R. Orin Cornett Memorial Scholarship Winner**

NEW YORK, NY - The NCSA is pleased to announce its selection of Jason Gorny of Chicago, Illinois as the winner of the 2011 R. Orin Cornett Memorial Scholarship. Jason will be attending St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri.

Jason describes Cued Speech as having been “a lifeline to literacy” for him and is inspired to promote its use. He states, “As a college student, as well as in my future career, I will continue my efforts to create an awareness of Cued Speech as an option for communication. I will educate people as to why it is so effective and then advocate its use by families and schools to make language available accessible to deaf and hard of hearing individuals.”



We encourage Jason to pursue these aspirations and wish him every success as he begins his studies at St. Louis University this fall. Congratulations, Jason!

Established in 1997, the R. Orin Cornett Scholarship Fund was created to aid qualified deaf or hard of hearing students to continue their education past high school.

The R. Orin Cornett Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000) honors the memory of the inventor of Cued Speech, Dr. R. Orin Cornett, who dedicated his life to increasing language, communication and literacy among deaf and hard of hearing children.

Recipients of this award must:

- have used Cued Speech as their primary mode of communication during their language learning years OR for five or more years during their education, and
- be entering or attending vocational school, undergraduate school or graduate school.

The NCSA awards the R. Orin Cornett Memorial Scholarship annually. Information on how to apply can be found [here](#).