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NCSA Announces Application for 2008 Memorial Scholarships

February 4, 2008 – Bethesda, MD — The National Cued Speech Association is pleased to announce the scholarship application for the Dr. R. Orin Cornett and Carol Shuler Memorial Scholarships is now available. Both scholarships are possible through the R. Orin Cornett Scholarship Fund, which was established in 1997 to provide financial assistance to qualified deaf/hard of hearing students pursuing education beyond high school.

The Cornett Memorial Scholarship awards \$1,000 to a student who is beginning or continuing his or her higher education studies. The Shuler Memorial Scholarship awards \$500 to a student from the West region. Please view the Scholarship application on our [Web site](#) for more details.

Recipients of the R. Orin Cornett Memorial Scholarship 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.

In addition to fulfilling the above requirements for the Cornett award, the recipient of the Carol Shuler Memorial Scholarship award must reside in Arizona, Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, or Washington.

Scholarships ARE awarded based on the following criteria:

- * The recipient has used/uses Cued Speech as primary mode of communication.
- * NCSA's mission, vision and goals have been and will continue to be represented by the recipient.
- * The recipient will be an advocate for the use of Cued Speech for language, learning and literacy.
- * Two letters of reference (from non-family members) that validate that the use of Cued Speech has increased the applicant's ability to communicate.

The deadline for submitting the application for each scholarship is April 1, 2008.

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The National Cued Speech Association champions effective communication, language development and literacy through the use of Cued Speech. The NCSA launched the Deaf Children's Literacy Project in 1997. For more information contact info@cuedspeech.org or visit www.cuedspeech.org.