

SWOSHA Mini-grant

SWOSHA is excited to announce the information for the 2009 SWOSHA Mini-grants. This grant is used to supply a SWOSHA member with a piece of equipment/materials/assessment tools/classroom materials specific to their therapy needs. This equipment should be that which typically can not be provided by usual funding sources such as department funds, PTA, building funds, etc....

Who Qualifies: Any current SWOSHA Regular, New to Area/New Graduate and Life Members.

What: Any piece of equipment, material, assessment, or tool to assist in the practice of audiology or speech and language pathology.

How Much: The maximum amount per grant will be \$500. The maximum disbursement of grant money will be \$1,000/year.

Exclusions: The grant monies may not be used to supplement salaries; to remodel facilities, to pay college tuition; or to be applied toward inservice activities.

Timeline: The one page application must be submitted by March 13th. A committee of reviewers will read and score each grant using a rubric. The winners of the grants will be notified in writing by April 1st.

Method of Selection: A panel of selected readers will review all applications and score on the attached rubric. Projects will be funded on the basis of criteria and quality of content. Projects that possess the following characteristics will be given preference:

- 1.) Strongly justify need
- 2.) Can be duplicated by other SLPs or Audiologists
- 3.) Uniqueness
- 4.) Typical funding resources (i.e. employers appropriations, PTA, etc.) have been exhausted.

The recipient of the SWOSHA mini-grant this year was the pilot program, CHAT (Communication Helps Achievement Together). This was held at the on-campus **Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic** at the University of Cincinnati for six weeks during the summer and helped adult members of the community with long-standing neurogenic communication disorders.

If you have any questions regarding the SWOSHA Mini-grant or how to apply, please feel free to contact Natalie Scheibler at natalie.scheibler@cchmc.org, or (513) 636-8809.