

2026 Jack Katz Memorial Scholarship Application

This scholarship honors the enduring legacy of Dr. Jack Katz, a pioneer in the field of Auditory Processing Disorder (APD). Throughout his career, Dr. Katz's unwavering commitment to advancing the science of APD and improving the lives of those it impacts was evident to everyone he encountered. A role model of service and leadership, he embodied integrity, humility, and compassion in all professional and personal endeavors.

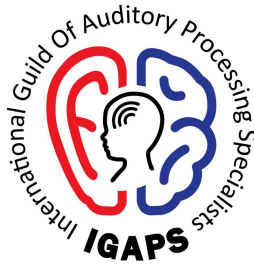
The Jack Katz Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually to one individual, in recognition of Dr. Katz's passion for education, and dedication to growing the availability of auditory processing specialized professionals. The recipient of this scholarship will be granted complimentary enrollment in the Simple and Effective Buffalo Model Approach for APD (a.k.a. SSW Workshop). This training workshop was led for many years by its creator, Dr. Katz, and is now administered by the International Guild of Auditory Processing Specialists (IGAPS). The award is supplemented by a \$1,000 stipend intended to offset travel and hotel expenses.

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- Be enrolled as a full-time, audiology doctoral student in the FINAL year of their program, or a doctor of audiology with up to 5 years of professional audiology practice
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- Be enrolled as a full-time, 2nd year speech-language pathology graduate student, with up to 5 years (CFY included) of professional speech-language pathology practice

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In-person attendance at the 2026 SSW Workshop is a mandatory condition of the scholarship. The 2026 Workshop will be held on Thursday, April 30th-Saturday, May 2nd in Laguna Hills, California. Recipients unable to meet this requirement will have the full award forfeited, and it will be offered to the next qualified candidate. Awards are not transferable to attendance at a later date.

Applicants are asked to submit a PDF that includes the following information:

- Applicant name and phone number
- Current doctoral program or master's program enrollment OR place of employment including years of practice
- One letter of recommendation from a University professor or professional clinical supervisor, or if employed, a professional colleague.
- Please provide concise but thoughtful responses to the following questions:

1. What is your plan for integrating your new skills from the SSW Workshop into your current or future clinical practice?
2. Considering the field of APD, what specific areas of clinical practice or research are you most passionate about?
3. Describe how you will carry forward Dr. Jack's commitment to advancing the field of APD and improving the lives of those it impacts.
4. How did you hear about IGAPS?

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- Please submit your PDF application, along with your letter of recommendation, to Christy Washkowiak, AuD, IGAPS secretary, at drchristy@auditoryconnection.com
- Applications must be received by Friday, February 27th, 2026. The award recipient will be announced by Monday, March 16th, 2026.

We look forward to receiving your applications and best of luck!

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