



Key Reasons for Students to Join Your State Association

Uniting to Promote and Support Communication Professionals throughout Ohio

-  **Nationally Recognized:** OSLHA has long been recognized as a leader in innovative programs and practices. OSLHA continues to be in the forefront in providing proactive resolutions and distinctive ideas and solutions in response to the issues and concerns of our professions.
-  **Ensure a Secure Employment Future:** Our professions cannot advance and be effective without well planned advocacy and support. OSLHA, in conjunction with the Governmental Affairs Coalition (GAC), employs a lobbyist to ensure that Ohio legislators understand our position on the issues that affect our future, such as: Salary supplements, licensure laws, personnel shortages, universal hearing screenings, caseload sizes, school voucher programs, Medicare/Medicaid and private health insurance reimbursement.
-  **Secure Student or Professional Liability Insurance:** OSLHA offers reasonably-priced liability insurance to members, including students.
-  **Build Your Resume:** OSLHA offers students the opportunity to co-write, with the OSLHA Past President, a brief message in *Communication Matters*, the Association's newsletter. Also, don't miss the opportunity to present at Convention; student posters and presentations are encouraged. Grant opportunities and programs specifically for student leaders are available. Finally, you can develop your leadership skills by participating on an OSLHA committee.
-  **Learn Best Practices and Stay Abreast of Hot Topics:** It is important for students to become informed about the issues that affect the profession. OSLHA members receive the quarterly newsletter, *Communication Matters*, providing important professional information, and highlights of what professionals are doing throughout the state and nation. Members also receive the award-winning, *eHearsay* journal, which offers in-depth articles about a variety of diagnoses and treatment programs for the clients served.
-  **Receive Discounted Registration for the Annual Convention:** Take advantage of hearing nationally-recognized speakers in all specialty areas at a very reasonable cost. The Convention is an outstanding experience for students.
-  **Search for Job Openings:** Once you are nearing graduation and searching for a job, look no further than *Communication Matters*, which posts job openings and is published quarterly. Job openings are also published on our Facebook page and on our website at www.ohioslha.org/r_jobpostings.htm.
-  **Attend Legislative Council Meetings and Engage in Legislative Advocacy:** Interact with many of Ohio's leaders in speech pathology and audiology and learn about the professional topics that OSLHA is addressing. Students are given the opportunity to receive free registration for the annual Legislative Event at the State House in Columbus. This event allows students to observe OSLHA members educating Ohio legislators about issues and laws that regulate our profession.
-  **Receive Scholarships and Awards:** OSLHA offers both undergraduate and graduate scholarships to celebrate the best and brightest students in our profession. These students are nominated by their university.
-  **Conduct a Survey:** OSLHA members, including students, may have a survey posted, at no charge, on OSLHA's Survey Monkey, a simple survey program that will allow you to obtain survey results electronically.

VISION: The Association will be a unified, diverse organization that empowers its members and service recipients, and will be a recognized organization representing Speech-Language-Hearing professionals regardless of work setting.