



## 2025 Scholarship Application Reference Letter

Thank you for providing a reference for an applicant of the HLAA Wake Chapter scholarship for a high school senior with hearing loss. The chapter has established the scholarship to support deserving students who are seeking acceptance or have been accepted at an accredited university, college, community college or trade school. Financial need is not a consideration. The \$750 scholarship is a one-time award.

The mission of HLAA is to build a hearing health movement empowering millions with, and at risk of, hearing loss to thrive through education, advocacy and a nationwide network of support. Our volunteers at the state and local level are dedicated to the welfare of those who cannot hear well but are committed to participating in the hearing world.

For this scholarship, we are looking for applicants who display a strong commitment to participating in the hearing world by:

- Demonstrating self-advocacy skills and using technology for coping with hearing loss
- Engaging in school and community activities

Desirable personality traits in an applicant include confidence, enthusiasm, optimism, respect and responsibility.

This form incorporates “fillable” fields and can be completed online. The submission deadline is March 31. You may contact Steve Latus at [slatus@comcast.net](mailto:slatus@comcast.net) with any questions.

Applicant’s name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number or email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your relationship to applicant (teacher, employer, etc.):  
\_\_\_\_\_

How long and under what circumstances have you known the applicant?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please use the space below to tell us about your experiences with the applicant and share how s/he deals with hearing loss in an effective fashion.

Send the completed reference letter by email to Steve Latus at [slatus@comcast.net](mailto:slatus@comcast.net) or mail to:

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The deadline for submitting the reference letter is March 31. We will announce scholarship recipients in May on our website, <https://www.nchearingloss.org/wake>.