

## Department of Communication Studies Talented Student Awards and Grant in Aid Award Information

**Types of Awards:** Awards are of two types: a Talented Student Award and a Grant in Aid. Both awards are intended to recruit new students, reward and maintain existing students in the major of Communication Studies, or support university and/or departmental initiatives. These scholarships are awarded on a semester basis. Receipt of financial assistance one semester does not guarantee future assistance. Because the awarding of these funds is a significant privilege, students receiving either a TSA or GIA will be held to higher standards. Awards are only given for one semester at a time.

***Talented Student Award:*** Covers tuition costs up to full tuition.

***Grant in Aid:*** A monetary grant amount credited to the student's school account.

### **Criteria for Eligibility:**

Students must meet one of the following criteria:

- Have earned a cumulative GPA of 2.75, or major GPA of 3.00, or 3.00 GPA in high school, be admitted to the major or minor, and demonstrate proficiency of some unique talent or skill-that can benefit the department.
- Participate in a University or departmental priority activity (e.g. study abroad, integrative learning student research), have earned a minimum GPA of 2.00, demonstrated financial need, and be a major or minor.
- Be selected by a faculty panel to receive a scholarship or other award.
- Participate in a departmentally sponsored activity.
- Win or place in a departmentally sponsored contest.

Students must also provide one of the following:

- Three letters of reference from individuals who can attest to a student's academic abilities
- One letter of recommendation authored by a departmental faculty member
- Signature of approval of a supervising faculty member.

Students must also

- Must provide a job resume with completed application.
- Must demonstrate significant leadership service, contributions and involvement within the Eastern Illinois University community, Charleston community and respective organizations.
- Must be in good standing with the student conduct code at Eastern Illinois University.

**Selections Process:** The departmental chair, in consultation with the appropriate departmental supervisor will evaluate applications and make nominations.

### **Application Dead Line**

For Fall Term: September 30 or until all awards have been made

For Spring Term: February 14 or until all awards have been made

For Summer Term: May 30 or until all awards have been made

**Please note: Since this deadline is after the semester begins, it is possible to incur some finance charges on your account prior to the receipt of the TSA/GIA.**

**Questions** may be directed to the Chair by calling 217-581-2016.

**Submit applications** and supporting documentation to the Chair of the Department of Communication Studies, Eastern Illinois University, 600 Lincoln Avenue, Charleston, IL 61920-3099.

**Department of Communication Studies**  
**TSA/GIA Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ University E Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Year:**     High School     CC Transfer     FR     SO     JR     SR     GRAD

**Award Area**

- Academic Excellence
- WEIU
- Hadwiger Lab
- Audio Lab
- Study Abroad
- Forensics
- Research
- Integrative Learning
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor Information**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please answer the questions on the back of this form.**

**What are the expectations in return for this award (attach a description if appropriate)?**

**What is the unique talent or skill to be developed via this award?**

**Is there financial need?  Yes  No**

**Please explain:**