

Sertoma's Mission

Sertoma's mission is to improve the quality of life today for those at risk or impacted by hearing loss through education and support. We accomplish our mission through our programs: **SAFE**Ears!®, *A Sound Investment*, Adopt-An-Agency, **CELEBRATE SOUND** *Don't Walk in Silence*®, Scholarships and Grants which are supported by the Annual Fund.

Together, Sertoma and its Affiliates spread the hearing health mission. Sertoma named speech and hearing as its national sponsorship in 1963. The Adopt-An-Agency program was established in 1977 as a way for Sertoma clubs to foster relationships with existing speech and hearing facilities. Today, Sertomans and their Affiliate organizations continue to work to help others who have hearing loss and educate individuals about hearing health.

The hearing health community needs allies and advocates, educators and healers. Sertoma communities share the common belief that attention paid to hearing health adds quality to lives and communities. Sertoma communities come together to make healthy hearing common in our everyday lives.



Sertoma's passion is to raise awareness of our cause, educate those willing to understand, and support those who need our support. When a person enters the communication disorders field it is with a life-long commitment to education and self-development.

Sertoma receives numerous requests for financial support for continuing education from its growing Affiliate network. In response, Sertoma is pleased to provide the Professional Education Grant as part of the Adopt-An-Agency Program.

Sertoma's goal in providing these grants is to encourage Affiliates' employees to obtain additional training and professional development opportunities that will provide continuing education through:

- Master new job skills
- Reinforce current techniques
- Promote the addition of new programs
- Uncover new information about communicative disorders

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Professional
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Grant

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Pro-Ed Grants

Sertoma's Professional Education Grant provides tuition or registration for Sertoma Affiliate staff (Speech Pathologist or Audiologist) attending short courses, workshops, seminars and conferences for the purpose of enhancing professional skills by maintaining credentials in the field of speech and hearing.

Grants up to \$425 per Sertoma fiscal year are available. Requests should meet the following criteria:

- Attendee is an Affiliates' Speech Pathologist or Audiologist receiving the CEU's
- Conference is endorsed or approved by a professional speech or hearing agency, such as ASHA, the American Society of Speech and Hearing Agencies, or a professional managerial association

An Affiliate may receive one grant per Sertoma fiscal year. A grant may cover several staff members attending together.

Grant applications must be received to Sertoma 30 days prior to event with a copy of event registration. Notification of approval or denial will be made within 10 business days of application receipt.

Grants are awarded on a first come first served basis, not to exceed the yearly budgeted amount for the program.

Grants are paid to the Affiliate upon receiving verification of attendance. Verification must be submitted within 60 days of attendance or grant will be forfeited.

A Path To Excellence

Grants cover tuition and registration cost only. Applications must be approved by the Affiliate Director.

- Examples of allowable CEU's topics:
- Augmentative and Alternative Communication
 - Cleft Palate
 - Cochlear Implants
 - Language Disorders in Infants and Toddlers
 - Swallowing Disorders (Dysphagia)
 - Therapy for hearing impaired
 - Traumatic Brain injury (TBI)

There are many other topics which meet the criteria and are suitable for a Professional Education Grant.

Professional Education Grants are a special benefit of Sertoma's Adopt-An-Agency Program.

To apply please complete the form in this brochure and return it to:

Sertoma
Attn: Pro-Ed Grants
1912 East Meyer Boulevard
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Pro - Ed Grant Application

As an Affiliate of Sertoma in good standing, we hereby apply for a Professional Education Grant. We understand the maximum grant is \$425 and grants must be pre-approved.

Name of Affiliate _____
Name of Affiliate Director _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone Number (____) _____
Email _____
Name(s) of attendee(s) _____
Name of seminar, workshop or conference _____

Please attach a copy of the course announcement stating tuition/registration cost.

Location _____
Meeting Date _____
Tuition per registrant \$ _____
Reimbursement amount \$ _____
Provide a short statement of your objectives in taking this course.

Affiliate Director's Signature _____ Date _____

Note: Applications must be received at Sertoma 30 days before the conference for full consideration.

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