REAL Gallaudet Scholarship for EIS Students

The Regional Early Acquisition of Language (REAL) Project is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the REAL Academic Scholarship for the 2027–2028 academic year. This scholarship is now open to students nationwide, including those in U.S. territories.

The REAL Project is a partnership between the Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center at Gallaudet University and the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind (AIDB), united by a shared mission to eliminate language deprivation among young deaf children by 2050. These scholarships help address the critical shortage of professionals specializing in early language acquisition and early childhood education for deaf children.

Who can apply

Students who are enrolled in, or have applied to, Gallaudet University's MA in Early Intervention Studies or Certificate in Early Intervention Studies and who intend to work in the early intervention or early childhood field after graduation.

What the scholarship covers

Scholarships may be awarded for:

- Academic and tuition fees

- Air travel and lodging for the summer in-person cohort

- Textbooks

*Your scholarship offer and agreement will detail the scope of your award.

What to know before applying

You may apply before receiving confirmation of acceptance into your program. However, funding will not be awarded without an official letter of acceptance and proof of enrollment.

How to apply

Complete the application by February 15, 2027.

Please feel free to share this opportunity with anyone who may be interested. If you have any questions, contact them at realsouth@aidb.org.