

## *History*



**Aug 9, 1964 – Sep 8, 2010**

This memorial scholarship fund was established by NAOBI - Atlanta to honor the memory and service of our former President, Shaunta Renee Olson. Renee, as she was affectionately known, served as

president from 2008 until her untimely death in 2010. Under Renee's leadership, strategy planning and vision philosophy, the organization was revitalized after a few of years of dormancy. During this period, the following were accomplished and established:

1. Membership increased from 33 in 2008 to 87 in 2010.
2. Established a Professional Development Committee, which became a major focus of the organization, thus providing a study and practice forum for students and interpreters. Several interpreters have since received their local and/or national certifications.
3. Hosted several focused workshops.
4. Hosted collaborative workshops with NAOBI, Inc. and GaRID.
5. Hosted Annual Summer picnics in collaboration with ABDA.
6. Hosted the Annual Holiday Party.



## **DECISION CRITERIA**

### *Eligibility*

The candidate must be a Black Sign Language Interpreting student or any d/Deaf or Hard of Hearing person pursuing CDI certification training. Scholarship applicants must be a full/student member of NAOBI-Atlanta as of April 30, 2020, and a resident of Georgia.

### *Grade Point Average*

Though we encourage students with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher to apply for this scholarship, we will accept applications from any student who has demonstrated strong leadership skills and a record of community service. Our objective is to recognize candidates who are well rounded and have demonstrated a willingness and capacity to be an asset in helping to bridge the gap between the d/Deaf and hearing communities through interpreter training and empowerment.

### *Leadership Potential*

Our goal is to identify candidates who understand how world affairs affect them and their community. The successful applicant will have a general understanding of local, state and national laws as well as politically related views on deafness and the use of sign language interpreters.

### *Financial Need*

All funds are to be paid directly to the student or to the organization hosting the CDI training.

### *Application Requirements*

- A demonstrated desire to uphold the mission of NAOBI-Atlanta through benevolence and service to interpreting communities.
- Candidates are expected to help ensure the central goal of promoting “giving back” and to bring attention to the goals and commitments of NAOBI-Atlanta.
- Recommendation Letters (Minimum of two)
  1. Educational Instructor
  2. Community Member (Non-relative)
- Official School Transcript with Overall Grade Point Average. (This transcript must be a sealed, unopened official copy from the school, including grades from your fall and spring semesters.)

- One Page Essay on Career Plans/Future Goals
- Separate Brief Description Explaining “Why you should be selected as a S. Renee Olson Memorial Scholarship Honoree”  
(Not to exceed 100 words)
- Résumé which provides work history, extracurricular activities & accomplishments
- \$25 Nonrefundable Application Fee

*For more information on the Shaunta Renee Olson Memorial Scholarship or NAOBI-Atlanta, please visit [www.naobiatlanta.org](http://www.naobiatlanta.org)*

**OLSON SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORTER**

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

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

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GIFT GIVING LEVELS**

\$10  \$25  \$50

\$75  \$100  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: NAOBI-Atlanta**

**Mail to: NAOBI-ATLANTA  
c/o L. Nia Knowles  
P.O. Box 10947  
Atlanta, GA 30310**

**Payment via PayPal can be made at:  
[www.naobiatlanta.org](http://www.naobiatlanta.org)  
(convenience fee added)**

**NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF  
BLACK INTERPRETERS  
Atlanta**



**Mission Statement**

To Promote excellence and empowerment among African Americans/Blacks to achieve a level of professionalism in the sign language interpreting field where they are known as skilled credentialed and/or certified interpreters who assist others in achieving similar successes in a multicultural, multilingual environment.

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*Shaunta Renee Olson*

*Memorial Scholarship  
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*Information Pamphlet*



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