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Starkey Hearing Technologies Awards 2012 William F. Austin Scholarships

MINNEAPOLIS, July 31, 2012 – [Starkey Hearing Technologies](#), one of the world's leading hearing technology companies, is pleased to announce this year's recipients of the William F. Austin Scholarship. The six recipients were chosen from among nearly 120 applicants to receive academic scholarships of up to \$10,000 for tuition reimbursement.

"It is incredibly gratifying to be able to provide scholarships to students around the country through Starkey University," said Sara Burdak, Senior Director of Education and Audiology for Starkey Hearing Technologies. "Providing students with the opportunity to pursue their goals is important not only for their personal growth but also for the profession's future."

Starkey is dedicated to professional advancement through education. Its William F. Austin Scholarship recognizes outstanding audiology graduate students pursuing clinical, teaching and research careers in audiology. This year's scholarship recipients are Shruti Balvalli, University of Cincinnati; Carlee Cox, Northeast Ohio Audiology Consortium at Kent State University; Ian Mertes, University of Iowa; Brittany Rinehart, University of Tennessee; Jennifer Stockwell, University of Texas at Dallas; and Sarah Weber, Idaho State University.

The William F. Austin scholarships are a part of Starkey's educational outreach program [Starkey University](#), which is designed to educate and sensitize students to the complexities of practice management, hearing instrument dispensing and manufacturing in an intensive, hands-on, highly interactive format. To learn more about Starkey's scholarship programs and practice opportunities, visit starkeypro.com.

About Starkey® Hearing Technologies

Starkey Hearing Technologies is a privately held, global hearing technology company headquartered in Eden Prairie, Minn. The company is recognized for its innovative design, development and distribution of comprehensive digital hearing systems. Founded in 1967, Starkey Hearing Technologies currently employs more than 3,500 people, operates 21 facilities and conducts business in more than 100 markets worldwide. The company develops, manufactures and distributes hearing aids via five distinct brands – Audibel, AudioSync, NuEar, MicroTech and its original brand, Starkey. For more information, visit

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