

2020 Women for ATSU Awards Application	
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PROJECT TITLE	Hear the Music and Protect the Ears
FUNDING REQUEST	1,500
PROJECT BUDGET	1,765
MINIMUM FUNDING REQUESTED	900
BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>Annually, the Student Academy of Audiology ATSU Chapter strives to provide high-quality earplugs for musicians to a local high school marching band and provide an educational training session during the day of the fitting. Student Academy of Audiology is a student-run organization that is not only passionate in bettering the profession of audiology and academic experience for students in the audiology program, but also in advocacy and giving back to the community. The Adopt-A-Band program is offered through Etymotic Research and the high-fidelity earplugs provided are designed to reduce sound by approximately 20 decibels at all frequencies. This allows musicians to still hear the music and the relationship between sounds while reducing the loud, damaging levels of sounds that contribute to noise-induced hearing loss.</p>
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	<p>By providing high fidelity earplugs to band members, the audiology students in the ATSU Chapter of SAA will use the knowledge from their Occupational and Environmental Hearing Conservation course to promote good hearing health habits in high school students. When the hearing protection devices are delivered to the band, audiology students will provide a training session for the band members and educate them on why it is important to “Hear the Music and Protect the Ears” so they can keep hearing and enjoying the music in the future. By providing auditory education and earplugs to band members, we hope to instill the importance of protecting their ears during exposure to</p>

	loud sounds to help reduce their risk for noise-induced hearing loss in the future. The marching band will also be provided with a complimentary dosimeter to measure sound levels in the practice rooms and during performances. The high school students will learn about the anatomy of the ear, measuring loudness of sounds and the profession of audiology, which may generate some interest in audiology as a professional career choice.
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