

## Georgia Gerontology Society Scholarship 2017 Application Information & Instructions

The purpose of the GGS Scholarship Awards is to offer financial support to persons committed to embarking upon, or seeking to advance, a career in aging. The fund provides scholarships for study in gerontology in order to promote leadership development in the field of aging. Leaders with a broad knowledge base, strong organizational skills and a vision for the future are needed to advance the field. Scholarship funds are sent directly to the student's institution.

<b><u>Robert P. Wray Scholarship Award</u></b> <b>(Undergraduate)</b>	<b><u>Virginia M. Smyth Scholarship Award</u></b> <b>(Graduate)</b>
<b>\$2000 cash award</b>	<b>\$3000 cash award</b>
<b>Complimentary registration to GGS Annual Conference, mileage and hotel reimbursement and a one-year GGS student membership</b>	<b>Complimentary registration to GGS Annual Conference, mileage and hotel reimbursement and a one-year GGS student membership</b>
<b>Recognition at Annual Meeting</b>	<b>Recognition at Annual Meeting</b>

### General Eligibility

All candidates for scholarships must 1) be enrolled in either a Georgia undergraduate or Georgia graduate program in gerontology or another field with a focus on aging, 2) must demonstrate leadership potential and a commitment to older persons, and 3) must have achieved a strong academic record. 4) Financial need shall be a consideration, but not a sole determinant.

**Eligibility for the Robert P. Wray \$2000 Undergraduate Scholarship:** the student must have completed a minimum of one academic term (semester or quarter) and fulfill at least one of the following, (a) have a minimum of one academic term remaining or (b) hold a letter of admission to a graduate program to begin no later than the next fall term.

**Eligibility for the Virginia M. Smyth \$3000 Graduate Scholarship:** the student must have completed a minimum of one academic term (semester or quarter) in a graduate program and must have a minimum of one academic term remaining in a graduate program.

## Materials to be Submitted

- Complete the electronic application which can be found at:  
<http://georgiagerontologysociety.org/scholarships.htm>
- The following materials should be submitted electronically as attachments to the application.
  - A 1-2 page essay that describes career goals and commitment to the field of aging.
  - A current résumé or *Curriculum Vita*
  - A statement of financial need (narrative, no more than 1 page)
- Two letters of recommendation from professor or professional familiar with student's abilities/accomplishments/goals. Letters may be sent in one of two ways:
  - Emailed on letterhead to [administrator@georgiagerontologysociety.org](mailto:administrator@georgiagerontologysociety.org) from the recommender.
  - Letters can also be mailed on letterhead to P.O. Box 7905, Atlanta, GA 30357. Letters should be in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature across the seal.
- Official transcript from current college or university. Electronic transcripts from the college or university are permitted. Please have the transcript emailed to [administrator@georgiagerontologysociety.org](mailto:administrator@georgiagerontologysociety.org). If the transcript is being mailed, the official transcript must be in the university's sealed envelope and mailed to P.O. Box 7905, Atlanta, GA 30357.

## Submission Deadline

Completed electronic application should be submitted by **April 7, 2017**. Supporting documents must be received via email or postmarked by **April 7, 2017**. Recipients will be notified by May 12, 2017.