

Georgia Gerontology Society Scholarship 2018 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.

<u>Robert P. Wray Scholarship Award*</u> (Undergraduate)	<u>Virginia M. Smyth Scholarship Award*</u> (Graduate)
\$2000 cash award	\$3000 cash award
Complimentary registration to GGS/SGS Annual Conference (April 11-14, 2018), mileage and hotel reimbursement and a one-year GGS student membership	Complimentary registration to GGS/SGS Annual Conference (April 11-14, 2018), mileage and hotel reimbursement and a one-year GGS student membership
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*A runner up will be selected for each scholarship and will receive a free conference registration.

General Eligibility

All candidates for scholarships must 1) be a GGS member, 2) be enrolled in either a Georgia undergraduate or Georgia graduate program in gerontology or another field with a focus on aging, 3) must demonstrate leadership potential and a commitment to older persons, and 4) must have achieved a strong academic record. 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.

Not a member of GGS? A student GGS membership is \$25/year and includes access to the following benefits:

- Access to the GGS Membership Directory
- Member Discounts for GGS Educational Events throughout the year, including the Annual Conference
- Access to Previous GGS Webinars
- Access to the GGS Mentorship Program
- Monthly GGS Connector Newsletter
- Networking Opportunities
- Advocacy Updates

You can visit <http://www.georgiagerontologysociety.org/members.htm> to apply for membership. If applying for a GGS membership would create a financial burden, please describe in your statement of financial need.

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 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. 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 **February 09, 2018**. Supporting documents must be received via email or postmarked by **February 09, 2018**. Recipients will be notified by March 15, 2018.

