

Georgia Gerontology Society Student Scholarships 2020 Information & Application

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.

Note: In previous years, students have applied for funds to be used for research. While GGS recognizes the importance of this work, scholarship funds are sent directly to the student's institution and can only be applied to tuition and fees.

<u>Robert P. Wray Scholarship Award*</u> (Undergraduate)	<u>Virginia M. Smyth Scholarship Award*</u> (Graduate)
\$2000 scholarship awarded in Fall 2020 (if graduating in Spring or Summer of 2020, you will not be eligible)	\$3000 scholarship awarded in Fall 2020 (if graduating in Spring or Summer of 2020, you will not be eligible)
A one – year GGS membership renewal and complimentary registration, mileage, and hotel accommodations to the 2020 GGS Annual Conference on August 17-19, 2020 at the Great Wolf Lodge in LaGrange, GA	A one – year GGS membership renewal and complimentary registration, mileage, and hotel accommodations to the 2020 GGS Annual Conference on August 17-19, 2020 at the Great Wolf Lodge in LaGrange, GA
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General Eligibility

All candidates for scholarships must 1) be a GGS member, 2) be enrolled in either an undergraduate or graduate program in gerontology or another field with a focus on aging at a Georgia college or university* 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.

* Colleges and Universities with a Georgia campus are also eligible.

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.

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 fall 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 fall academic term remaining in a graduate program.

Materials to be Submitted

- The following items should be emailed by the student to administrator@georgiagerontologysociety.org.
 - Application which includes an essay describing career goals and commitment to the field of aging and a statement of financial need.
 - A current résumé or *Curriculum Vita*
- Two letters of recommendation from a 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

The application and all supporting documents must be received by midnight on April 6, 2020. Please note that mailed documents must be in hand by April 6, 2020 not postmarked by April 6, 2020. Recipients will be notified by May 4, 2020.

GGG Scholarship Application

GA Student Status in Fall 2020

Undergraduate

Graduate

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Educational Institution:

Program of Study:

Please provide a statement of financial need in 250 words or less.

Please describe your career goals and commitment to the field of aging in 500 words or less.