

**MONTANA GERONTOLOGY SOCIETY
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION
ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-2017**

The Montana Gerontology Society (MGS) is sponsoring a \$1,000 scholarship for a Montana student who is pursuing a career in the field of aging. The scholarship will be awarded at the annual conference, which will be held April 14-15, 2016, in Billings, Montana. A one-year membership in the Montana Gerontology Society and a waiver of the registration fee for the annual conference will be included with this award.

The student awarded the scholarship is expected to attend the annual conference in Billings in order to receive the award. In addition, the student is expected to submit a short article or review for the MGS Newsletter following the conference.

Eligible candidates must be:

- Interested in pursuing a career in gerontology and/or geriatrics in any field of study.
- Currently enrolled in at least six (6) credit hours per semester.
- Enrolled in at least six credit hours the semester following receipt of the award at the annual conference.
- Preference will be given to a student attending a university or college in Montana and intending to practice/work in Montana.

For full consideration for this award, each student MUST submit:

1. Completed application (form provided)
2. Copy of transcript or other educational records
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation from Deans, Professors, Advisors, or Supervisors (forms provided) with at least one recommendation provided by a faculty member
4. Resume or vitae demonstrating commitment to work in the field of aging through courses, volunteer activities, work experiences, etc.
5. Personal statement: Written essay identifying academic and professional goals demonstrating pursuit of achievements in the field of aging (250 word limit, typed). Include a profile of past gerontology/geriatrics experience, a description of how the scholarship will assist your studies and future educational plans in gerontology/geriatrics

The MGS Merit Scholarship Award recipient will be selected based upon the following criteria:

- Commitment to gerontology, as demonstrated by resume/vitae, educational goals, and experience
- Professional qualities described in the two (2) letters of recommendation
- Personal statement
- Grade Point Average

All application materials must be postmarked or emailed by Friday, February 12, 2016. The MGS Scholarship Committee will evaluate all application materials. Final selection will be made in March of 2016. The scholarship will be awarded at the MGS Annual Conference and will be sent directly to your school. The recipient must attend the MGS Annual Conference to receive the scholarship award.

For additional information, please visit www.montanagerontology.org or contact:

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**MONTANA GERONTOLOGY SOCIETY ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-2017**

1. Name:

2. Address:

3. Phone Number:

4. E-mail Address:

5. Education:

College or University:

Overall Cumulative GPA (out of 4.0):

Major:

Minor (if applicable):

Anticipated date of graduation:

Degree to be obtained:

Career Plan:

4. Work Experience (attach additional sheet if necessary):

5. Volunteer Activities:

6. Honors Received:

7. References

Reference 1:

Reference 2:

E-mail Address:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Phone Number:

CHECKLIST—Materials required in application packet:

- Completed application form
- Copy of academic transcript(s)
- Two recommendations on forms provided – at least one from a faculty member
- Resume or vitae
- Personal statement: Written essay (250 word limit, typed) identifying academic and professional goals in the field of aging. Include a profile of past gerontology experience and a description of how the scholarship will assist your studies and future plans in the area of gerontology

Please return your completed materials in one envelope, or scan and attach to one email.

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Postmark or email deadline: February 12, 2016

**MONTANA GERONTOLOGY SOCIETY
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2016-2017
LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

Thank you for taking the time to support this applicant. Please fill out the following questionnaire, seal reference in an envelope, sign over the envelope's seal and return it to the applicant. She or he will return it to the MGS scholarship committee with the application packet. The postmark/email deadline for the completed application is February 12, 2016. If you prefer to attach a letter, please be certain that you address all of the questions listed below. If you have any questions regarding this application process, please contact Gayle Hudgins at gayle.hudgins@umontana.edu or (406) 243-6495.

1. Applicant's Name:

2. Your Name/Title:

Institution:

Address:

Phone:

3. What is your relationship to the applicant? Please check all that apply:

Mentor/Advisor Professor Dean/Chair Other If other, please explain:

4. How long have you known the applicant?

5. In your opinion, what differentiates the applicant from others and why is this applicant deserving of this scholarship?

6. What is the level of the applicant's commitment to the field of aging?

7. What qualities does the applicant possess that indicate an ability to be successful in the field of aging?

8. Additional Comments: