

HPGS Undergraduate Scholarship

For 2011-2012 ONLY, deadline is extended to May 30, 2011

Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society (HPGS) provides training and networking support to professionals in gerontology. HPGS also promotes, raises funds and awards scholarships to college students interested in careers involving aging and older people.

Scholarship Description

The scholarship is funded by generous donations from the Brodhead Family and many individuals to support community college and undergraduate students who are interested to pursue careers in gerontology or geriatrics. One or more \$1000 Scholarships will be awarded each year, funds permitting.

Application Criteria

Preference will be given to students who meet the following criteria:

1. Community college students, and juniors and seniors in a four-year university. Applicants who are seniors in college must have at least two semesters before graduation at the time of application. Areas of study can be nursing, social service, psychology, biology, political science, human services, sociology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, etc.
2. Demonstrate a 3.0 or higher GPA for the past academic year at the community or undergraduate level. Please include transcript from the university or community college with the application.
3. Preference will be given to students who have taken (or is currently taking) at least one aging related community college or university course, or to students who demonstrate an interest in the field of gerontology. For example,
 - a. You have done volunteer work or internship in an aging related community site: e.g., a senior center, parks and recreation programs for older adults, lifelong learning programs for older adults, adult day care, retirement community, or county or state office on aging. Please state how many hours total you have put in at your volunteer site or internship. Or,
 - b. You are working on an aging related project (research or otherwise) that you as a student initiated.
 - c. You are assisting or have assisted a professor on a research project as a student help (e.g., collecting data) that is aging related. Or,
 - d. You have played a leadership role in working on a class or service learning project that helped older persons
4. Express a financial need.
5. Show proof of residency in the State of Hawaii.

Application Process:

Please submit:

1. One letter of recommendation from your academic adviser, former professors, instructors, or supervisors at your internship or volunteer site.

2. An essay that addresses your qualifications for receiving this scholarship, including experience in and dedication to the field of gerontology, your future career plans, and financial need (no more than 2 pages single-spaced).
3. A copy of latest community college or university transcript.
4. This scholarship application form.

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Attn: HPGS Scholarship Committee

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