

HPGS/ALOH Graduate 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

This \$1,000 scholarship is funded by a generous donation from Assisted Living Options Hawaii (ALOH). It is intended to assist Graduate, Law, and Medical students pursue educational goals related to careers in Gerontology and Geriatrics. It is open to students at the University of Hawaii, Hawaii Pacific University, and Chaminade University. One award will be made each year, funds permitting.

Application Criteria

1. Preference will be given to students who meet the following criteria:
2. Enrollment in one of the academic programs described above. Applicants must have at least two semesters before graduation at the time of application. Areas of study can be any graduate program in medicine, law, nursing, social work, psychology, biology, political
3. science, sociology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, architecture/design, etc.
4. A 3.0 or higher GPA for the past academic year.
5. Demonstrated interest in Aging through one or more of the following:
 - a. Currently taking, or having taken, one or more aging related credit courses or certificate programs.
 - b. Paid professional or para-professional work experience with older adults or in an aging-related setting
 - c. Attendance at one or more non-credit aging-related courses or seminars. Non-credit certificate programs are also appropriate for this purpose.
 - d. 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.
 - e. Work on an aging related project (research or otherwise) that you as a student initiated.
 - f. Assisting or having assisted a professor on a research project as a student help (e.g., collecting data) that is aging related. or,
 - g. Playing a leadership role in a class or service learning project that helped older persons.
6. Evidence of financial need.
7. 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.
5. A valid student ID or proof of Hawaii residency.

Award recipients may be asked to subsequently submit a brief statement indicating how this award has contributed to the realization of their career goals.

Deadline

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