



## **DALLAS AREA GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

The Dallas Area Gerontological Society was founded with the intent to educate the community about gerontology, advocate for elderly persons and promote improved services for elderly persons. DAGS will be offering one or more scholarships for full-time or part-time students for the 2017-18 academic year. The scholarship program provides financial assistance to those preparing for a career in gerontology or those currently working in an aging field, who wish to increase their skills through either a degree or certificate program.

Eligibility for Scholarship:

- (1) Individuals who live in the Greater Dallas area,
- (2) Who are seeking careers in gerontology, including social work, counseling, nursing and administration, or who are currently working in the field of aging
- (3) Must be enrolled or accepted by college or program before funds will be released.

**Please note that applications sent without the following documents will not be**

**considered:** Application for Scholarship must be received by June 1, 2017 and should include:

- (1) A completed application form (this may be submitted online or printed and mailed in)
- (2) A one page essay addressing career goals and why you want the scholarship
- (3) Proof of enrollment or acceptance at an accredited university or certificate program prior to the release of funds
- (4) Two letters of recommendation: 1 academic and 1 personal letter of recommendation.

If this is the first educational program to be entered after substantial time period, a letter of recommendation from an employer will be accepted in lieu of the academic reference.

Finalists will be interviewed by the scholarship committee prior to the selection of the recipient(s) of the scholarship. Scholarship amounts have ranged from \$500 to \$4000 in recent years.

Payment of the scholarship will be made directly to the Registrar Office of the university, college or certificate program.

The scholarship committee will announce the scholarship award in the summer, 2017. The recipient will be requested to attend the DAGS Fall Forum on October 19th, 2017 in order to accept their scholarship.

Application packets should be sent to: Matt Newton  
1400 Moccasin Trail, Suite 6  
Lewisville, Texas 75077  
e-mail: [apply@dags.org](mailto:apply@dags.org)



**Dallas Area Gerontological Society  
Letter of Recommendation**

This section is to be completed by the applicant and given to the person asked to offer the reference. (Please print or type.)

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school and program you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person offering reference \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Business or Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or P. O. Box City, State Zip

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The DAGS scholarship committee would appreciate a statement from you about the applicant named above.

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_ In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle your response about the applicant in the following areas:

*Intellectual Potential	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	Unable to Judge
*Motivation for program of study	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	Unable to Judge
*Ability to complete planned academic program successfully	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	Unable to Judge
*Commitment to field of gerontology	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	Unable to Judge

The scholarship committee encourages additional comments.

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**Please return this statement directly to the DAGS scholarship committee chairperson by June 1, 2017.**

**Mail To:** Matt Newton | 1400 Moccassin Trail, Suite 6 | Lewisville, Texas 75077