The Montana Gerontology Society (MGS) is sponsoring a $1000 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 May 12-14, 2015 in Helena, Montana. A one-year membership to 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 Missoula in order to receive the award. In addition, the student is expected to submit a short article or review for the next MGS Newsletter following the conference.

Eligible candidates must be:

- Interested in pursuing a career in gerontology and/or geriatrics in any field
- 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 by Friday, February 13, 2015. The MGS Scholarship Committee will evaluate all application materials. Final selection will be made in March of 2015. 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:

Diane K. Duin, PhD University Scholarship Rep. MSU Billings College of Allied Health Professions 1500 University Drive Billings, MT 59101 dduin@msubillings.edu 406-896-5833

MONTANA GERONTOLOGY SOCIETY ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ACADEMIC YEAR 2014-2015

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:

   _____________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________

E-mail Address __________________________

Phone Number : ( ) __________________

CHECKLIST—Materials required in application packet:  □

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Please return your completed materials in one envelope to:

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(Postmark Deadline: February 13, 2015)
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 deadline for the completed application is February 13, 2015. 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 Diane Duin at (406) 896-5841

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?

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