

Southwest Georgia Technical College, Foundation Inc.

Scholarship Policies and Procedures

Gerontology Scholarship

PURPOSE

To assist students enrolled in the Gerontology Programs at Southwest Georgia Technical College with education related expenses. The scholarship award will be \$250.

PROCEDURES

Applicants must be currently enrolled in the Gerontology program of study at Southwest Georgia Technical College.

Applicants must complete a SWGTC Scholarship Application form (Attachment A).

Applicants must compose an essay titled, *"Why I chose Gerontology and Why this Scholarship is Important to Me."* (Maximum 250 words)

Applicants must obtain a letter of recommendation from a fulltime member of the SWGTC Faculty, high school counselor, clergy, or etc. The letter should communicate the author's observations of the student's potential to become a skilled employee in the Gerontology field of study.

Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 and must submit a copy of their transcript.

REVIEW PROCESS

The Executive Director of the Southwest Georgia Technical College Foundation has established a committee to review the Gerontology scholarship applications. Members of the committee include the College Counselor, the Director of Financial Aid, and the Retention Coordinator.

The Gerontology Scholarship recipient will be selected utilizing the attached evaluation document.

Committee members will independently score each application submitted. The applicant receiving the highest average score will be awarded the scholarship. Financial need will be an underlying consideration by the committee.

In the event of a tie, applicants will be requested to prepare and deliver a two-minute impromptu speech on a current trend in the care of the elderly. The committee members will independently score each applicant. The applicant receiving the highest average score will be awarded the scholarship.

The primary intent of the scholarship program of the SWGTC Foundation is to assist students with tuition, fees, and book expenses through need-based and merit-based scholarships. For this reason, all scholarship applicants are required to apply for financial aid. Financial aid awards will be considered in the scholarship awards process.

Southwest Georgia Technical College Foundation funded scholarships are to be used at Southwest Georgia Technical College only (Thomas County, Grady County, Mitchell County, and the Valdosta Technical College A.D.N. program) and are not transferrable to other institutions.

Southwest Georgia Technical College Foundation scholarships are intended for approved educational related expenses only, as set forth in the scholarship policies. Any fraudulent use of scholarship funds or misrepresentation of expense to gain reimbursement will result in termination of scholarship funding and ineligibility to apply for future Southwest Georgia Technical College Foundation scholarship funding opportunity.

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Gerontology Scholarship Evaluation

1. Academic Achievement

Grade Point Average

(90-100)	4.0	= 5 pts.
(85-89)	3.5-3.99	= 4 pts.
(80-84)	3.0-3.49	= 3 pts.
(74-79)	2.5-2.99	= 2 pts.
(70-73)	2.0-2.49	= 1 pts.

2. Essay

Followed criteria	= 1 - 5 pts.
Grammatically correct	= 1 - 5 pts.
Defined characteristics	= 1 - 5 pts.
Illustrated personal commitment	= 1 - 5 pts.
Compelling case	= 1 - 5 pts.

3. Faculty Evaluation

Supports student as recipient	= 1 - 5 pts.
Specific observations	= 1 - 5 pts.
Commonalities with essay	= 1 - 5 pts.

Tie Breaker – Impromptu Speech

Followed criteria	= 20 pts.
Addressed topic	= 20 pts.
Organized points	= 20 pts.