

# MINNESOTA GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY

**ATTENTION STUDENTS:  
who are studying in a field related to  
gerontology or geriatric health in Minnesota**

**THE MINNESOTA GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY IS SEEKING  
APPLICANTS FOR ITS HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP  
AWARDS FOR THE 2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**FIVE \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED  
APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 17, 2023**

Founded in 1976, the mission of the Minnesota Gerontological Society (MGS) is to serve as a bridge between academics, research and practice in the field of aging. To meet this mission, MGS has created scholarship funds and annually awards financial assistance to undergraduate and graduate students studying in a field related to gerontology or geriatric health in Minnesota.

MGS has three scholarship funds:

### **Bloedow Scholarship**

In 1994, MGS established the Bloedow Scholarship fund to honor the lifelong contributions of Gerald Bloedow to the field of aging. Gerald Bloedow was Director of the Minnesota Board on Aging from 1966 until 1994. Gerald was a founding member of MGS in 1976.

### **Elva Walker Spillane Scholarship**

MGS created this scholarship fund in 2014 to memorialize the life and work of Elva Walker Spillane. She was a founding member and former President of MGS, founding member and served eight years on the Minnesota Board on Aging, and volunteered her leadership on the Boards of the National Council on Aging and AARP.

### **Robert L. and Rosalie A. Kane Scholarship**

This newest scholarship fund was established to honor the work of Robert L. and Rosalie A. Kane, both active members of MGS since their arrival in Minnesota in 1985. In 2003, they were co-awardees as Gerontologist of the Year because of their leadership in long-term care. The Kane Scholarship fund was jump-started by a large contribution from an anonymous donor less than a month before Robert Kane's sudden death on March 6, 2017. There have been many generous contributions by MGS members as well as others in the United States and around the world who made donations to the fund in Robert and Rosalie Kane's memory. The first Kane scholarship was awarded in 2018.

More information about MGS and the scholarship funds is posted on the MGS website:  
<http://www.mngero.org/awards-scholarships/scholarships/>

## FIVE MGS \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED

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MGS plans to award five scholarships for the 2023-24 academic year, two \$1K Gerald Bloedow Scholarships, one \$1K Elva Walker Spillane Scholarships, and two \$1K Robert L. and Rosalie A. Kane Scholarships. It is anticipated that scholarships will be awarded to students pursuing each of the three levels study: bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. All applications must be received by February 17, 2023, with scholarship decisions to be made no later than March 3, 2023. Scholarship recipients will be acknowledged during the MGS Virtual Pre-Conference on March 17, 2023.

Interested applicants should complete the following steps:

1. Fill out the Application Form.
2. Have a faculty member at your college or university complete the recommendation form.
3. Provide a copy of your most recent transcript (official copy not required) from your college or university.
4. Submit **an essay of no more than two pages** responding to the following questions:
  - a) What has sparked or inspired you to pursue a career in gerontology/geriatrics?
  - b) Describe a memorable experience in your studies relating to gerontology/geriatrics. What was your "aha" moment?
  - c) What have you done to academically and professionally prepare yourself for a career in gerontology/geriatrics?
  - d) What are you hoping to do with your academic preparation in future work with older adults?
5. Email the above items by **February 17, 2023**, to [ceaton@winona.edu](mailto:ceaton@winona.edu).

Scholarship recipients will be chosen based upon the following criteria:

- a) demonstrated interest in and preparation for a career in gerontology/geriatrics
- b) creativity, initiative, organizational and writing skills



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FACULTY RECOMMENDATION FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_, recommend \_\_\_\_\_ for the  
2023-2024 MGS Higher Education Student Scholarship awards. I attest that this student  
has expressed a desire to work with older adults in their future career and is in good  
standing at my college/university.

Faculty Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_