



The Gerontology Association of Nova Scotia
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March 16, 2011

Dear Friend,

RE: Gerontology Association of Nova Scotia Award of Excellence

The Gerontology Association of Nova Scotia (GANS), established in 1977, is a multi-disciplinary voluntary association of individuals, families and organizations with an interest in aging. Each year GANS offers an Award to a student currently registered in a publicly funded post-secondary educational institution in Nova Scotia. The Award is intended to recognize and promote excellence in the field of aging and to encourage involvement in our Association.

To be eligible for this Award, a substantive portion of the student's academic program must focus on aging. The student should have a strong academic record, be able to demonstrate his/her contribution to the field through academic/volunteer activities and to have professional goals that include study or work in the field of aging. The student may be enrolled full or part time at any level of academic study. In addition to the application form and resume, a letter in support of the student's application is required from a faculty member. I am including a list of recent winners (see reverse) to demonstrate the range of students' programs GANS has recognized with this Award.

Enclosed is an application form and guidelines for the Award. The application deadline for this year's Award is **April 15 2011**. To ensure that all students have the opportunity to apply for this Award, we would appreciate your assistance with the distribution of this information within your program/department. We encourage you to pass along this information to colleagues who may have eligible students, make an announcement in class or at meetings, post this information on a bulletin board or website, include in a department newsletter and distribute to a pertinent student association.

On behalf of the Gerontology Association of Nova Scotia, we appreciate your anticipated cooperation in helping us identify a high-calibre student for this Award. If you have any questions about the Award or the association, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kathy Ward
Chair, Awards Committee
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Enclosures

Recent Winners of the GANS Award of Excellence

- 2010: Camille Angus – Dalhousie University
- 2008: Rachel MacDougall - Mount St. Vincent University
- 2008: Heather Bell – Dalhousie University
- 2007: Ashley Connors - Mount Saint Vincent University
- 2006: Paige King – Dalhousie University
- 2005: Donna Dill - Mount Saint Vincent University
- 2004: Rebecca Genoe - Dalhousie University
- 2003: Kelly Bastarache - Mount St. Vincent University
- 2002: not awarded
- 2001: Shawna Elliott - Mount St. Vincent University
- 2000: Robin Latta - Dalhousie University
- 1999: Robyn Wilmhurst - Nova Scotia Community College
- 1998: Susan Phillips - Acadia University
- 1997: Mary Lou Robertson - Mount Saint Vincent University
- 1996: Sylvia Cosway - Dalhousie University
- 1995: Shelley Ann Callaghan - Dalhousie University
- 1994: Elizabeth Burt - Acadia University
- 1993: Douglas Shinyei - Mount Saint Vincent University



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Gerontology Association of Nova Scotia Award of Excellence – Guidelines and Application Procedure

Description: The Award of Excellence is to recognize and promote excellence in the field of aging and to encourage involvement in the Gerontology Association of Nova Scotia.

Value: \$250

Criteria:

- * Full or part time student currently registered in a post-secondary program in Nova Scotia with a substantive portion of student's program focused on aging.
- * Strong academic record.
- * Academic/volunteer experience in field.
- * Professional goals to include study or work in field of aging.

Procedure:

* Complete application form (see copy attached or available at www.cakens.com)

* Attach current resume.

* Obtain a letter of support from an instructor/faculty member of your program and include in a sealed envelope. Letter to address: familiarity with student, scholarly ability, student's understanding of issues related to aging, student's suitability and commitment to work with older persons and/or their families, capacity for leadership, personal initiative and professionalism and other areas that should be considered in the assessment.

Forward to: Kathy Ward
Gerontology Association of Nova Scotia
Attention: Awards Committee
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Deadline: April 15 2011 (postmarked on or before)

Presentation: Presentation of the Award is made at the Association's annual general meeting held in the spring (June 23rd, 2010 at Spencer House).

Additional Info: Kathy Ward
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GANS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
2010-11 Application Form

(attach additional paper if required and also include a current resume with this application)

Applicant: _____
Surname First Middle Initial

Mailing address: _____

Telephone: _____ (work/home) Email: _____

School Attending: _____

Program of Study: _____

Year of Study (out of Total): _____

Current Grade Average (or equivalent performance measure): _____

Please describe the courses/curriculum of your program of study, in particular any courses you have taken related to aging and what you have learned (or how benefited) from such courses:



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Identify other post secondary education (specifically identify any gerontology or aging related):

Describe your experience in field of Gerontology/Aging: (include any volunteer, or course-related practicum work) and discuss any contribution(s) you have made to the field:

Current or previous member of the Gerontology Association of Nova Scotia? Yes No

List your current professional/community memberships:



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Describe your professional goals, particularly as they relate to the field of aging/gerontology:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Full application including application form, resume, letter of support must be postmarked on or before April 15 2011

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