

## **Clinical Residency or Fellowship Scholarship**

**Deadline: March 17, 2020**

The APTA Geriatrics promotes lifelong learning and the transition to clinical specialization. The mission of the APTA Geriatrics is to build a community that advances the profession of physical therapy to optimize the experience of aging. Therefore, the APTA Geriatrics supports physical therapists interested in geriatric study and interested in pursuing clinical residencies and or fellowships.

The APTA Geriatrics takes pride assisting in the development of young professionals interested in advancing their careers through working with older adults. To foster the growth of Geriatric Physical Therapy Specialty Practice, APTA Geriatrics is offering scholarships to physical therapists in a geriatric clinical residency or fellowship programs.

The scholarships are intended to assist in offsetting the costs associated with residency and fellowship programs. The Board of Directors (BOD) of the APTA Geriatrics has determined that up to ten thousand dollars will be awarded this year depending on the applicant pool and decisions made by the scholarship committee. Each scholarship will be a minimum of \$1250 and no greater than \$2500. Scholarship funds may be used for costs related to professional study including but not limited to moving expenses, professional conference fees, geriatric specialty exam fees, textbooks, or other study materials. This is a merit-based scholarship that will be awarded based on the review of applicant essays, resumes, and professional letter of recommendation. Applications will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the Residency and Fellowship Special Interest Group and brought to the BOD of APTA Geriatrics for approval.

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Interested applicants must be current members of the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy.
- Applicants must be accepted to or enrolled in a ABPTRFE accredited geriatric clinical residency or fellowship program.
- One-page cover letter explaining why you are applying for the scholarship and what experiences prepared you for successful completion of a geriatric residency.
- Submitted responses to the essay questions page 3. Responses are written in 11-point font and not exceed one page for all questions.
- Submitted resume or curriculum vitae demonstrating commitment to geriatrics and experience with older adults.
- Submitted one professional letter of recommendation from an APTA/ APTA Geriatrics member
- Submitted copy of the acceptance letter from accredited residency or fellowship awarding the resident/ fellow candidacy by the deadline March 15, 2021.
- Submitted application contact information on page 2.
- Submitted and signed commitment letter on page 4. Scholarship recipients are expected to complete progress report in one year, January 2022.
- All sections of the application are submitted in one electronic file.



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Application Contact Information**

**\*Available to Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy Members Only\***

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

APTA Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Residency or Fellowship Program: \_\_\_\_\_

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Awardee Address for Correspondence:

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Address for Correspondence and Payment (if awarded):

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E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of person completing application: \_\_\_\_\_

*All materials are sent to APTA Geriatrics executive office and contain materials listed on page 1.*

Email your complete application packet to: [geriatrics@geriatricspt.org](mailto:geriatrics@geriatricspt.org)



Please answer the below essay questions in 11-point double spaced font. Not to exceed 1 page

1. Describe your professional involvement in APTA, APTA Geriatrics and/or your state APTA Chapter. How has your involvement in these organizations impacted your professional development?
2. How will completion of a geriatric residency or fellowship program affect your role as a geriatric physical therapist?
3. How do you intend to use the scholarship funds? How will this scholarship money make a difference in the completion of a residency or fellowship program?
4. What do you feel are the most pressing issues in geriatric physical therapy?
5. How do you see your future impacting Geriatric PT and APTA Geriatrics?



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Commitment Letter**

This letter confirms my commitment and willingness to complete the Geriatric Physical Residency or Fellowship Program. The residency or fellowship scholarship may be used for any costs during the residency program or application for the specialty certification.

Upon acceptance of the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy Scholarship, I am committed to complete a report of my progress and my residency completion plan by January 31, 2021. Within the one page progress report, I will summarize my progress toward residency completion and identify a residency completion date. The progress report will be signed by myself and will be co-signed by my residency director. The report will be sent to the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy.

Sincerely,

Resident's Signed Name  
Resident's Printed Name  
Resident's Email address  
Resident's Phone  
Resident's Program Name and Address