**The Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy**

**Clinical Residency or Fellowship Scholarship**

The Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy (AGPT) promotes lifelong learning and the transition to clinical specialization. The mission of the AGPT is to promote physical therapist best practice and to advocate for optimal aging Therefore, the Academy supports physical therapists interested in geriatric study in pursuing clinical residency and/or fellowship.

The AGPT 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, AGPT 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 AGPT has determined that up to five thousand dollars will be awarded each 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 letters of recommendation. Applications will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the Residency and Fellowship Special Interest Group of the AGPT and brought to the BOD 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. Applicants must submit responses to the attached questions. Responses are written in 11-point font and not exceed one page for all questions. Applicants must submit one professional letter of recommendation from an APTA/AGPT member as well as a curriculum vitae demonstrating commitment to geriatrics and experience with older adults.

Deadline: March 4 , 2018

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**Application Cover Sheet**

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

Name of Applicant:

 APTA Membership Number:

Name of Residency or Fellowship Program:

Awardee Address for Correspondence:

Address for Correspondence and Payment (if awarded):

E-mail Address:

Daytime Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

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

*Please include a copy of the acceptance letter from accredited residency or fellowship awarding the resident/ fellow candidacy as well as answers to the following essay questions. All essay questions, resumes, and letters of recommendation should be sent to AGPT executive office as indicated.*

Email your complete application packet with cover letter addressing why you are applying for the scholarship to: geriatrics@geriatricspt.org

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

1. Describe your professional involvement in APTA, AGPT 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 the AGPT?