

Sigma Phi Omega: PRESIDENT'S STUDENT PAPER AWARD

PURPOSE

The purpose of the SPO President's Student Paper Award is to recognize an outstanding manuscript written by an SPO student who is presenting the paper at the Annual Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony. This is held in conjunction with an annual meeting of a gerontology related association.

AWARD

The selected student will receive a \$200 cash award which will be announced at the SPO Annual Business Meeting.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

At the time of submission, the student must be actively enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program and a member of the SPO Chapter on their campus. The paper presented for consideration must be based on an abstract accepted for presentation at the selected gerontology related association meeting. Students may not submit the same manuscript for consideration for any other award at the same meeting.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Entries will be reviewed and judged by the SPO Awards Committee based on the following criteria:

- **Significance & Rigor:** The paper should address an important gerontological topic.
- **Appropriate Methods:** Papers may be qualitative, quantitative, theoretical or scientific in nature. Scientific papers should include conceptual framework, design, appropriate methods and analyses, and discussion. Non-scientific papers should include design appropriate for type of manuscript.
- **Style/APA:** The completed manuscript must be written in a concise scholarly manner with no spelling, grammatical, or typographical errors. The manuscript must be correctly referenced using the most current edition of APA format.
- **Length:** The manuscript may be no more than 25 pages in length including references, tables, and title page. The manuscript must be double-spaced and include 12-point font, and 1-inch margins. (yes/no; if no eliminate)
- **Authorship:** The student must be the first and principal author. A faculty member may be listed as a secondary author if the student chooses. (yes/no; if no eliminate)
- **File Format:** The manuscript must be saved as a WORD or PDF file. (yes/no; if no eliminate)

HOW TO APPLY

- An abstract must first be submitted following the same deadline as the selected annual gerontology association call for proposals. **On the abstract, the student should indicate their wish to be considered for the SPO President's Student Paper Award.**
- **Following notification of acceptance, the student must submit the full-text manuscript via email to SPOgerontologypresident@gmail.com (CC: SPOgerontologymembership@gmail.com) with the subject line: SPO President's Student Paper Award. **The deadline for submission of the manuscript to the SPO president is December 31st.****
- The student must include a verification form, signed by both the student and the faculty advisor, confirming that the student is enrolled in school full time and that the manuscript is the student's work.

A FINAL NOTE

The SPO President's Student Paper Award was created in 2005 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of SPO. This award is funded entirely through donations. If you are interested in contributing, please indicate on a check to SPO that you wish your gift to support the President's Award. Send your donation to:

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