Fromm Institute Scholarship in Gerontology
Deadline for Completed Application is Monday, November 8, 2021

The Fromm Institute for Lifelong Learning at the University of San Francisco offers a $5,000 scholarship open to continuing USF students who are declared Gerontology minors. The Fromm Institute Scholarship in Gerontology (FISG) is awarded to the applicant who best exhibits a combination of academic achievement, professional promise, and a demonstrated interest in a career in the field of aging. Funds are provided by the Institute through an annual fundraising event that has this scholarship as its focus. The recipient will receive $5,000 applied to Fall 2022 tuition.

About the Fromm Institute at the University of San Francisco
Founded in 1976, the Fromm Institute is an educational program for retired people offering noncredit, college-level courses in a wide range of academic subjects. The Fromm Institute fills the meeting spaces of Fromm Hall during USF’s academic year and with an emeritus faculty, presents scores of courses in its three, eight-week sessions - Fall, Winter, and Spring. While the Fromm Institute creates a peer age setting within its classrooms, its students have the opportunity to interact with others at USF and are considered campus affiliates with access to the library, other public spaces, and USFConnect. Applicants are encouraged to visit http://fromm.usfca.edu/ for more information.

Mission of the Fromm Institute Scholarship in Gerontology - FISG
This scholarship grants financial aid to a student engaged in the study of gerontology at USF while fostering a commitment to service and an understanding of campus diversity. As such, the FISG provides the recipient both a $5,000 award and an opportunity to engage/interact with a unique population of older persons in meaningful ways that are mutually beneficial. The recipient will conduct their project in Fromm Hall among the Institute students (or via online interactive sessions, depending on health and safety concerns) during the 2022 Fall Semester. Please be aware that the contact opportunity is from Monday through Thursday before Fromm classes from 9 to 10 a.m., or during Fromm’s lunch period from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Eligibility Requirements
- Applicants must be declared Gerontology minors.
- Applicants must have completed, or be currently enrolled in, at least 2 classes that are a part of the Gerontology minor coursework.
- Applicants must have at least one year remaining at USF (graduation no earlier than Dec. ‘22).

Scholarship Conditions
The FISG recipient will be responsible for an “in service” project during the Fall 2022 Semester that will create a mutually beneficial, intergenerational opportunity for the Fromm Institute students and recipient. The recipient will work with Fromm Institute Staff and the Gerontology Minor Coordinator to guide the project so that it draws on the recipient’s strengths and interests, and yet fulfills the above role. Past projects have been those that were simple and easy to execute, examples include: an assistance booth where Fromm students could make any inquiry; playing the piano at lunch to elicit conversation and then interest people in a research project; tours of favorite on-campus places that brought Fromm Institute students into welcoming spaces they might not know about; helping to master tech gadgets to interact and attend virtual classes.

Timeline
During Spring Semester after visiting the Fromm Institute and observing its students in and out of their classes and conferring with the Fromm Institute Staff and the Gerontology Minor Coordinator, the recipient will submit a proposal for their project by May 1, 2022. The project will be approved by the Fromm Institute Executive Director by May 8 for implementation during the 2022 Fall Semester. A brief report from the FISG recipient on the outcome of the project is due by Dec. 1, 2022.
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I. Personal Data (Type or Print in Black or Blue Ink Only)

Last Name: ___________________________ First Name: _____________________________
Phone:_____________________  Email Address:  _____________________________________
Major:  ______________ Gerontology Minor:  Y    N   Expected Graduation Date:  __________
USF ID#:  ________________________  Current Grade Point Average:  ________

List below your previous Gerontology Minor coursework.

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List below any extracurricular, community, or employment activities that you would like to let the Selection Committee know about.

II. Additional Information (Type on separate paper)

- Discuss any service experiences with older adults. How have these experiences, or older people you have interacted with, affected your attitudes and/or feelings toward older adults?
- Why are you studying Gerontology at the University of San Francisco? What are your future plans and how do you hope to work with older adults in the future?
- After reviewing the Fromm Institute website (fromm.usfca.edu), what are your thoughts about this lifelong learning program as part of the larger university experience?
- List one USF Faculty member as a reference for you. (No formal letter of recommendation is needed, but the faculty member may be contacted by the selection committee).

Faculty Member Name: ___________________  Department: _____________________
Phone #:   ___________________  Faculty Member Email Address: ____________________

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Please Submit Your Application Electronically to:
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email: wagnerL@usfca.edu