

The Center for Gerontology is pleased to announce.....

AARP Virginia Tech Memorial Fund for Gerontology

The Center for Gerontology is pleased to announce competitive support for students enrolled in the Gerontology Graduate Certificate Program. Funds for this program came from the generous contributions of AARP Virginia and others in honor of the 32 students and faculty lost at Virginia Tech on April 16, 2007. AARP is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all individuals as they age. One \$500 recognition will be given.

S. J. Ritchey Endowed Scholarship

This is a competitive scholarship for students enrolled in the Gerontology Graduate Certificate Program. Preference will be given to students (1) majoring in foods, human nutrition, or international foods and nutrition, or (2) whose research emphasis is in the area of health and aging. One or two awards of \$3,000 will be made. Students may choose to receive the award during the academic year or summer providing they are enrolled in classes.

Peggy Lavery Gerontology Research and Professional Development Award

This is a competitive research and professional development award for students enrolled in Gerontology Graduate Certificate Program. One or two awards of \$500 each will be given to cover research costs incurred in the thesis/dissertation process or the costs of a professional development activity such as attending a gerontology-related professional conference or workshop.

Center for Gerontology Futures Board Research Scholarship

This is a competitive scholarship for students who are currently enrolled in the Gerontology Graduate Certificate Program or who have completed a degree/certificate in Gerontology at another University and are currently pursuing a graduate degree with a focus on aging at Virginia Tech. One scholarship will be awarded in the approximate amount of \$1,200.

Vetra R. and Jay A. Mancini Research Prize

This is a competitive research prize for doctoral students in the Department of Human Development. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate interest and participation in research throughout their graduate program (e.g., active member of a research team, professional presentations, and publications) and whose dissertation research (1) focuses on family relationships or community issues, (2) is grounded in theory, and (3) relies on quantitative or mixed methods design and analyses to address their research hypotheses. Doctoral students in all specialty areas within Human Development are eligible to apply. One \$500 Research Prize will be awarded.

Students may apply for more than one award. For further information, please contact Carlene Arthur (carthur@vt.edu; 1-7657) at the Center for Gerontology, 237 Wallace Hall. **The deadline for submission is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, 2009. Awardees will be recognized at the Gerontology Certificate and Awards Celebration held in Fralin Auditorium at 7:00 pm on April 14, 2009.**