

What is the Gerontological Society of America?

The Student Organization of the Gerontological Society was created in 1960 to provide students with an opportunity to be players in the field of gerontology. Today, student members of the Society enjoy full membership benefits and privileges for about half the price of a regular membership. In 1995, the Student Organization helped launch the GSA Campus Representatives Program, designed to establish a professional/social network on every campus where there is, or should be, an active gerontology curriculum.

- **National Membership:** The cost of membership at the national level is \$65.00 for graduates, and undergraduates may choose a special membership with fewer benefits for \$20.00. Application forms are available at the following address: <http://www.geron.org/gsamem.htm>
- **WVU Chapter:** Dues for the WVU Chapter will be \$5.00 per academic year, checks made payable to WVU Foundation – GSA Student Chapter.

What is Sigma Phi Omega?

Sigma Phi Omega is the National Honor Society formed in 1980 to recognize the excellence of those who study gerontology/aging, as well as of the professional aging service personnel. Sigma Phi Omega seeks to promote scholarship, professionalism, friendship, and services to older persons, and to recognize exemplary attainment in gerontology/aging studies and related fields. Membership is open to undergraduate and graduate students who are majoring or minoring in gerontology/aging studies and related fields, and who are in at least their second term of enrollment. As this is an honor society, undergraduates must have at least a 3.3 G.P.A., and graduate students must have at least a 3.5 G.P.A. to be eligible for membership.

- **National Membership:** The cost of membership at the national level is \$25.00. National membership application forms are available at the following address: <http://www.aghe.org/files/aghewebsite/SPO/application%20form.doc>
- **WVU Chapter:** Dues for the WVU Chapter will be \$5.00 per academic year, checks made payable to WVU Foundation – Sigma Phi Omega Chapter. Please note that to be a student member of Sigma Phi Omega, students must be recognized members of the national chapter. Prospective members can contact the WVU chapter president via e-mail at vvugero@wvu.edu for more information about joining the Society through affiliation with the WVU Delta Kappa Chapter.

Contact Information:

For more information about the WVU Student Chapters of the Gerontological Society of America and Sigma Phi Omega, please contact:

- WVU Chapter Student Officers at: vvugero@wvu.edu
- Faculty Advisor R. Turner Goins, Ph.D. at: rgoins@hsc.wvu.edu or call 293-2968.

**Gerontological Society of America and Sigma Phi Omega
West Virginia University Student Chapters
Application for Membership**

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Local Telephone Number: _____

Academic Major: _____ FR___ SO___ JR___ SR___ GR___

Academic Advisor: _____ Telephone: _____

Other Academic Reference: _____

Academic course work related to aging: _____

Professional experience in aging: _____

Which Organization(s) are you Interested in Joining?

Gerontological Society of America – WVU Chapter

Sigma Phi Omega – WVU Chapter

Both Organizations

Mail completed applications and membership dues to the following address:

WVU Gerontology Organizations
C/O R. Turner Goins, PhD
West Virginia University Center on Aging
PO Box 9127
Morgantown, WV 26506-9127

A receipt will be sent to the address you provided above within two weeks. If you have any questions, please contact WVU Chapter Student Officers at vvugero@wvu.edu or Faculty Advisor R. Turner Goins, Ph.D. at rgoins@hswvu.edu, work number 293-2081.