



PENNSYLVANIA GERIATRICS SOCIETY ~ *Western Division*

An Affiliate of the American Geriatrics Society

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2012 DAVID C. MARTIN AWARD

Abstracts are to be submitted to:

Pennsylvania Geriatrics Society – Western Division

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Deadline: On or Before March 10, 2012

Recipients will be notified on or about March 16th

Details and Criteria for the David C. Martin Award are as follows:

- ♦ *An honorarium of up to \$1,500.00 to be used solely to attend the Annual Conference of the American Geriatrics Society will be awarded to recipients. In the event that a medical student is receiving a stipend from the AGS/AFAR for presentation at the national meeting, the Society will award the difference of the AGS/AFAR stipend and the \$1,500.00 DCM honorarium. The total of the stipend and the difference is not to exceed \$1,500.00. (Note: The stipend from the AGS/AFAR will differ each year as the AGS national conference is held at a different site each year.)*
- ♦ *Entries must be available for display during the Society's annual Clinical Update in Geriatric Medicine Conference (March 22-24, 2012; Marriott City Center, Pittsburgh, PA).*
- ♦ *A student's abstract, poster or clinical vignette must be accepted by the American Geriatrics Society, or the American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR) student section of the American Geriatrics Society*
- ♦ *All medical students from the Western Pennsylvania Region are eligible. Students whose medical school is not in our region are eligible, provided that their research is conducted in the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Geriatrics Society – Western Division region.* Students who have had an abstract, poster or clinical vignette accepted for an award by another local chapter of the AGS are not eligible to receive the David C. Martin award.*
- ♦ *If a medical student does not receive a stipend from the AGS to be used to attend the national conference, the full \$1,500.00 will be awarded to the medical student.*
- ♦ *Students should be first author, but secondary authorship will be considered if the student had substantive input into the project.*
- ♦ *The Board of Directors will vote for the winner(s) of the award. Winners will be notified in a timely manner prior to the AGS conference.*

*Region of the Pennsylvania Geriatrics Society-Western Division: Pittsburgh, New Castle, Oil City, Erie, Greensburg, Johnstown, Altoona, DuBois, Bradford, Williamsport, Harrisburg.

Abstract Submittal Guidelines

- ◆ *Relevance to aging and geriatric medicine: For example, in clinical trials and observational studies, study populations should either have mean age over 65 or should include substudy of subjects over 65. Basic science should focus on aging processes or disorders with highest frequency in older persons. Technology development or assessment should focus on meeting needs frequently seen in aging persons. Health services and health policy should focus on issues most relevant to older population, e.g., chronic disease management, long term care, Medicare.*
- ◆ *Scientific soundness: Study design and data analysis should fit the data available and the hypothesis tested. Review articles should be comprehensive and structured.*
- ◆ *Sensitivity to what makes geriatric health care different: Evidence of awareness of aspects of aging physiology, health and function which mandate adjusting conventional approaches to health care. Constraints on conventional approaches include, for example, vulnerability to iatrogenesis, co-morbidity, frailty, dependence, limited life expectancy.*