

Area Geriatric Education Scholars (AGES) Program for Upper Peninsula Youth

Coordinated by the
Upper Peninsula Health Education Corporation (UPHEC)



Summer 2010 Application Form Instructions

Please complete this application form by providing all requested information, signing the form and returning the completed application and attachments **by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2010, to:**

**Upper Peninsula Health Education Corporation
418 W. Magnetic Street
Marquette, MI 49855
Attention – AGES Application Review/Carolyn Weissbach**

AGES applications must either a) be mailed and have a postmark dated no later than April 30, 2010, or b) be physically delivered to the office staff of the Upper Peninsula Health Education Corporation (UPHEC) no later than April 30, 2010, by 5 p.m. Late submissions will NOT be considered for the Summer 2010 AGES program. Applications submitted via facsimile or email will NOT be accepted. Applicants who meet application criteria will be contacted for an interview by May 3, 2010, and interviews will be completed by May 21, 2010. UPHEC will notify applicants who have been accepted to AGES 2010 by May 28, 2010. Accepted applicants will be required to undergo a criminal background check before beginning their AGES experience at their placement site.

Additional information and updates about the AGES 2010 program are available on the UPHEC website at www.mgh.org/UPHEC. Any questions about the AGES application process or program may be forwarded to AGES Program Director Carolyn Weissbach via telephone at (906) 228-7970 or email at cweissbach@mgh.org.

Background

UPHEC is facilitating region-wide training and placements in the Summer of 2010 through the AGES program for Upper Peninsula youth. AGES offers a way for youth considering entry into the healthcare professions to learn – both through experience and instruction – about geriatric healthcare careers. Educational placements will be at long-term care (nursing home) sites located in or close to students' home communities. Students will have the opportunity to a) work with health care providers in a long-term care setting (e.g. assisting with resident activities, providing one-on-one companionship for residents and "job shadowing" healthcare professionals), b) interact with seniors and learn more about their needs and c) attend informational presentations about geriatric health and health career topics. AGES was piloted in Summer 2006 with seven students at three sites. The program is now offered throughout the UP. To date, a total of 127 students have been trained through AGES and placed at one of 16 partnering nursing home sites.

Need

Geriatric health care is and will continue to be an important, viable employment sector for health professionals. The needs of seniors and the entities (e.g. senior living facilities, nursing homes,

hospitals, rural health clinics, etc.) that serve them in the Upper Peninsula, Michigan and nationwide are great and are increasing as our population ages. Youth who are looking at their career options or already putting plans into effect for training or additional study in the health professions (e.g. nursing, medicine, physical therapy, pharmacy, dentistry, allied health professions, behavioral health, etc.) benefit and grow by completing a summer placement in a real-world setting.

Program Description

AGES 2010 participants will receive a payment that satisfies the minimum wage for youth for 20 hours minimum per week from June 21, 2010, through August 6, 2010, up to a maximum of \$1,000 per student for 140 total hours for the summer. (Schedules may be adjusted during the July 4 holiday week.) All accepted AGES students are required to attend an orientation from June 16-18, 2010, in Marquette, which will include: a) instruction and discussions about senior health, health careers and education; b) an AGES banquet; c) adult CPR training and certification; and d) housing and meals for the duration of this orientation. Orientation costs are covered by the AGES program. An information session will be conducted via telecommunications in July 2010. A follow-up, one-day meeting will be held in mid-August in Marquette for all Summer 2010 AGES students.

Application Requirements

All applicants to AGES 2010 should~

- a) be at least 16 years of age as of June 16, 2010;
- b) have just completing either their junior or senior year of high school in one of the UP's fifteen counties as of June 16, 2010; and
- c) have an overall GPA of 2.75 or higher.

Completed AGES applications should include:

- 1) An AGES 2010 application form that is typed or neatly handwritten and signed;
- 2) A 1-2 page interest essay;
- 3) A statement or form from the applicant's UP high school (preferably on the school's letterhead) indicating a) the applicant's overall GPA of 2.75 or higher (a transcript may be substituted), b) the grade/school level that the applicant will have just completed as of June 16, 2010, (e.g. Junior Year or 11th grade; Senior Year or 12th grade) and c) that the applicant is a student in good standing at that high school; and
- 4) A signed letter of recommendation to the AGES 2010 program.

Additional copies of the AGES 2010 application and the AGES brochure area available on UPHEC's website at www.mgh.org/uphec.

AGES is an UPHEC-sponsored program. UPHEC operates the UP campus of the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, the Marquette Family Medicine Residency Program as well as K-12 and college-level outreach and training programs focusing on health care careers. UPHEC aims to improve the distribution, supply and quality of health care professionals in the largely rural and underserved UP. This is accomplished through collaborations with area health care providers, health care institutions, K-12 schools, colleges/universities, workforce planning groups and funders UPHEC is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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Summer 2010 APPLICATION FORM

Instructions to Applicants: Please provide all the requested information by typing or neatly handwriting responses in the spaces provided, or circling correct answers.

Name _____

Address (street/city/state/zip code) _____

Email address (if available) _____

Telephone number (906) _____

Person to contact in case of an emergency:

- Name _____
- Person's Relationship to You (circle one): Parent Sibling Friend Other _____
- Telephone Number (906) _____

Date of Birth (month/day/year) _____

I will have just completed _____ grade (fill in 11 or 12) in a UP high school as of June 16, 2010.

Name of High School _____

City/Town of High School _____

At this time, I am considering pursuing a career in health care. Yes No (Circle one)

If you circled Yes, please circle which profession (one) you are most interested in pursuing:

- *Nurse *Physician *Pharmacist *Physical Therapist *Behavioral Health Professional
*EMT *Dentist *Physicians Assistant *Dietitian *Administrator *Other _____

Please ATTACH the following three (3) items to this application and return them to UPHEC with your completed application:

Attachment 1 – Personal Interest Essay: Please provide a brief 1-2 page (double-spaced, typed is preferable) written statement on the topic, “Why I Wish to Participate in the Summer 2010 AGES Program.” You may discuss your interest in working with seniors, plans to pursue a career in health care or other applicable information about why you are a good candidate for AGES.

Attachment 2 – High School Verification Statement: Please provide a statement or letter from a representative of your UP high school (preferably on the school’s letterhead) stating a) that you have or will have successfully completed the 11th or 12th grade at that school as of June 16, 2010, b) your approximate overall grade point average to date (a transcript may be substituted) and c) that you are a student in good standing at that high school. A minimum overall 2.75 GPA is required to participate in the AGES 2010 program.

Attachment 3 – Letter of Reference: Please provide a brief letter of reference from an individual (other than a family member) who has interacted with you in an educational, employment, recreational or other setting and who can attest to your good character. Please have this individual sign and date the letter and include a day time telephone number. Please also provide this reference’s name and telephone number in the spaces provided below. Note: UPHEC will only contact references AFTER student- applicants have completed their application interview for the AGES program.

Name of Reference _____

Telephone Number of Reference _____

To be completed by the AGES 2010 applicant:

I verify that the above information is accurate. I understand that if I am accepted to the AGES 2010 program, I must successfully complete a criminal background check before beginning the AGES placement.

Applicant’s Signature

Date

To be completed by authorizing parent or guardian of the AGES 2010 applicant:

I give my permission for the above student-applicant to participate in the AGES 2010 program and orientation. I understand that if this applicant is accepted to the AGES program, he/she must successfully complete a criminal background check before beginning the AGES placement.

Name of Authorizing Parent or Guardian

Signature of Authorizing Parent or Guardian

Date

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**Please note that we do NOT accept applications submitted via facsimile or email.
*Thank you for your interest in the Summer 2010 AGES program!***