

Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association
Minority Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES
2017

The Program

This scholarship is meant to celebrate planning and foster increased interest in planning by providing financial support for planning students who are members of underserved ethnic groups and who attend a PAB-accredited planning institution or urban planning program actively seeking PAB accreditation in the state of Florida. Two scholarships are offered: one for \$2000 and one for \$1500.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants must

- Be a member of one of the following underserved ethnic groups, as defined by the U.S. Census: Asian, Black, Hispanic, American Indian, Pacific Islander or Alaskan Native
- Be enrolled full time in a PAB accredited urban planning program or enrolled full time in an urban planning program actively seeking PAB accreditation within the state of Florida during the semester in which the award is given
- Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States
- Be able to document their need for financial assistance
- Intend to work as a practicing planner upon graduation in local, state, or federal government or for a planning consulting firm or a not-for-profit planning organization

Note: Prior winners of any fellowship or scholarship administered by the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association are not eligible.

Application Requirements

The following items must be received by **no later than 5:00 pm, October 16, 2017:**

- Personal statement describing how receiving this scholarship will enable the student to contribute to the planning field
- Completed Financial Need Information form
- One letter of recommendation in support of the student's application and career goals
- An unofficial transcript
- A resume, including any professional experience

Note: Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. To check on the status of your application, send your request to fapa@floridaplanning.org.

Selection Criteria

A Selection Committee appointed by the Chapter President will review applications and select award winners. The Committee will assess applications using the following criteria in order of importance:

- Commitment to planning as reflected in personal statement and resume
- Academic achievement and/or improvement during previous semesters
- Letters of recommendation
- Financial need – both absolute need and need relative to tuition costs

The Award Process

- The Selection Committee will review applications and select recipients within one week after the application deadline.
- The recipient will be notified by the Chapter Executive Director within two weeks of the application deadline.
- The award recipient will be published in the next issue of the Chapter's newsletter and posted on the website.

Local sections are encouraged to involve recipients in Chapter activities and provide mentoring.

E-Mail completed applications to:

fapa@floridaplanning.org

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FINANCIAL NEED INFORMATION

NAME: _____

Are you married? _____. If yes, what will be the employment status of spouse during the school year? If a student, will your spouse be receiving financial aid? Please explain:

Do you have dependents to support? If yes, please explain:

Please describe other sources and amounts of financial assistance available for your graduate education (e.g., parents, savings, investments, government benefits, etc.).

Are there any extenuating financial circumstances that we should consider in evaluating your application for an APA Florida Minority Scholarship? If yes, please describe briefly (attach an additional sheet if necessary).

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

Disclaimer: All the information provided in the form is voluntary, the applicant holds no reservations.