AICP Exam Diversity Scholarship Information 2021

The American Planning Association and APA Maryland are committed to providing opportunities for all to achieve excellence in planning by fostering equity, diversity, and inclusion in the organization and in the planning profession.

AICP scholarships help make the planning profession more diverse and accessible to those with financial need. Diversity is an inclusive concept which encompasses, but not is not limited to race, ethnicity, class, gender, age, sexuality, ability, educational attainment, spiritual beliefs, creed, culture, tribal affiliation, nationality, immigration status, political beliefs, and veteran status. Scholarship recipients will be persons who self-identify with one or more of the underrepresented populations identified above.

First time exam candidates as well as previous (but unsuccessful) test-takers qualify for the reduced rates:

• Fee reduced from $510 to $210
• Applicable to both the AICP Standard and AICP Candidate processes.

Diversity Scholarship Selection Criteria:

Candidates must be members of the Maryland Chapter to qualify. Interested candidate must submit a written request to APA Maryland which includes the following: The letter should be no more than two (2) pages and which includes the following:

• The applicant’s APA membership identification number
• An explanation of financial hardship. Examples of financial hardship include but are not limited to: The applicant’s employer will not subsidize the exam fee and the applicant will be otherwise unlikely to take the exam without the reduced fee.
• A short summary of your education and work experience indicating briefly how your level of education and professional planning experience meet the AICP certification eligibility requirements.
• A statement of identification with one or more of the above underrepresented populations, if applicable. Preference will be given to a candidate who meets this criteria.

• Applicants must also verify if they are a standard AICP Exam applicant or an AICP Candidate Pilot Program participant. Standard AICP Exam applicants

Additional Information:

The exam application and the scholarship application are completely independent. Applying for the scholarship does not guarantee you will qualify to sit for the exam. Because of the exam application deadline and the AICP application review timeframes, scholarship applicants may need to pay for the exam in full and then be reimbursed if they are awarded the scholarship. APA Maryland will notify applicants in within a month of the published scholarship application deadline whether they have been selected for recommendation to APA National for the Diversity Scholarship. The Chapter may select an alternate recipient in the case a scholarship winner does not complete the exam application process or does not qualify to sit for the exam.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2021

For additional information, please email contact@apamaryland.org