PLANNING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP – TEXAS CHAPTER APA MIDWEST SECTION

The Midwest Section is pleased to announce that two (2) $900 scholarships will be awarded at the annual Section Awards Ceremony and Scholarship Fundraiser. The event this year will be held on June 19, 2019 from 4:30-9 pm at Pinstripes located at 5000 Trailhead Bend Way, Fort Worth, TX 76109. Each of the recipients will be recognized and awarded the scholarship during the event program.

The Planning Student Scholarship is provided to promote the education of future planning professionals. The scholarship is intended to supplement tuition and associated costs for students currently enrolled in a university or college located within the area of Midwest Section. The area within the Midwest Section is available on the APA Texas website. [https://www.txplanning.org/midwest/](https://www.txplanning.org/midwest/)

ELIGIBILITY:
Undergraduate and graduate enrolled in a university/college located in the Midwest Section are encouraged to apply. Eligibility is based on the following requirements:

1. Enrolled for both 2019 spring and fall semesters;
2. Intent to pursue careers as practicing planners after graduation;
3. Declared major or academic program in a planning related field, such as Planning, Public Administration, Geography, and Public Health.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:
1. Complete application (refer to application form on page 2)
2. Personal statement: Two (2) page narrative (max.) which provides the following information:
   a. Explain why you chose planning as a career path, and
   b. Describe how your background and education will be applied to career goals.
3. Letters of recommendation: Maximum of two (2) letters of recommendation in support of your educational activities and career goals.
4. Transcripts of undergraduate course work and/or current graduate course work.
5. Resume (optional only if the information is supplied in the personal statement).

APPLICATION PROCESS:
Announcement: April 15, 2019 Information and the application form will be provided at:
   • TX APA Midwest Section page - [https://www.txplanning.org/midwest/](https://www.txplanning.org/midwest/)
   • Midwest Section Newsletter – subscribe here.

Event Registration: Opens May 1, 2019
APA Midwest Section Awards Ceremony and Scholarship Fundraiser event registration will be announced in the Midwest Section Newsletter – subscribe here and is anticipated to open 5.1.19.

Application Deadline: May 31, 2019
The applications must be submitted no later than 5 pm on May 31, 2019. No late applications or incomplete application will be accepted and/or reviewed.

Notification of Scholarship Winner(s): June 7, 2019
Award of Scholarship: June 19, 2019 at Midwest Section Awards Ceremony and Scholarship Fundraiser from 4:30-9 pm at Pinstripes located at 5000 Trailhead Bend Way, Fort Worth, TX 76109.
APPLICATION FOR THE PLANNING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICANT INFORMATION:
Name: ____________________________________________________________
E-mail: ____________________________________________________________
Phone Number: ____________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________
City: _____________________________________________________________
State: _____________________________________________________________
Zip Code: __________________________________________________________

ACADEMIC INSTITUTION INFORMATION:
University/College Name and Address: __________________________________
Declared Major and/or Program: _______________________________________

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
Please indicate how you learned about this scholarship:

Are you a current member of APA:   ___Yes   ___No
Are you a member of another planning organization or group in your community?
If so, please add name of organization: __________________________________

CHECKLIST
Please make sure all application documents are provided and arranged in order as noted in the checklist below.
☐ Complete application
☐ Personal statement:
☐ Letter(s) of recommendation:
☐ Transcripts
☐ Resume

PERMISSION TO REPRINT WINNING ENTRIES:
Winners names and/or essays and/or photos may be posted on the APA website or Midwest TX APA newsletter or Facebook page. Your signature on this application grants permission to distribute your name, scholarship essay and photos through its website and other electronic media. You will retain copyright in your work. You acknowledge that you will receive no payment or royalties for this work.

SIGNATURE (required): _____________________________________________
This signature certifies that all information provided is accurate and the recipient is able to attend the Awards Banquet on June 19, 2019 from 4:30-9 pm at Pinstripes (5000 Trailhead Bend Way, Fort Worth, TX 76109)
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

HOW TO SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS: Select one of the following ways to submit a complete application. Only submit your application once.

Mail completed applications to:
Planning Scholarship – APA Midwest
Attn: Jenifer Reiner
550 Bailey Avenue, Suite 400
Fort Worth, Texas 76107

Email completed applications to: jreiner@dunawayassociates.com

Accepted file formats: Adobe pdf or Word document

Please Note: Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. To check on the status of your application, send your request to jreiner@dunawayassociates.com

APPLICATION SCORING RUBRIC: The following is provided for guidance purposes only. Applications will be scored on the following criteria:

1. Affidavit of attendance (signature on page 2 of this application form).
2. Personal statement which provides the following information:
   a. Background experience that led to pursuit of degree related to planning,
   b. How education/degree will be applied as a professional in the planning field.
3. Commitment to field of planning, as demonstrated by:
   a. Member of American Planning Association or other professional organization; and
   b. Additional activities and experience related to future career in the field of planning.
4. Commitment to education, as demonstrated by:
   a. Member of student planning association at your academic institution;
   b. Additional activities and experience related to education and degree.
5. Letter(s) of recommendation from academic professional, professor, or planning professional and/or employer.
6. Academic achievement as demonstrated by transcripts:
   a. Course load,
   b. Continued enrollment through 2019 academic year.
7. Resume which demonstrates volunteer or work experience applicable to the planning field.

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