The Texas Center for Municipal Ethics and the APA Texas Chapter are proud to announce the availability of scholarships to support young planners who strive to build a career in public service. The John Clary Scholarships are offered to promote ethical planning, to encourage continuing education for planners, and to honor the memory of John Clary. Two scholarships are available for eligible Texas planners to attend the 2017 Texas Chapter Conference, which will be held November 1-3, 2017 in Frisco, Texas. The scholarships will support the payment of conference fees (registration and mobile workshops) and related travel expenses.

John A. Clary received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History in 1953 and his Masters of Arts degree in Public Administration from the University of Texas at Austin in 1959. While attending UT, Clary met classmate Marilyn, the love of his life. He served his country in the U.S. Army at Fort Sill, OK, then in the city administration of Abilene and San Antonio before taking employment as City Manager of Brownwood in 1960. He further presided as City Manager for Harlingen and Texarkana before moving to Austin in 1974 to work for the State of Texas as Manager of local government services for the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs. He served under seven governors, affirming his lifelong commitment to upholding the ethics of good government. John Clary sat on the Rollingwood City Council from 1987 to 1994, serving as its Mayor in 1995. He was profiled in the book “City Government That Works,” and was honored with the President's Award from the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association in 1996. He participated in the El Buen Pastor Early Childhood Development Center and always as an Elder or Deacon with the United Presbyterian Church.

This list of accomplishments, awards, and citations speak so well of John Clary's life; but that's only what the world saw. To his friends, he was a warm, witty, jovial man, passionate about politics and life. He was a remarkable man and his legacy lives as he was a mentor to many men and women who serve in local government.

Scholarship Amount: $500

The deadline for applying for the two (2) John Clary Scholarships has been extended to NOON, MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017. Applicants selected to receive the two (2) John Clary scholarships will be notified by October 3, 2017. Recipients must submit registration and travel expense receipts and verify conference attendance in order to receive scholarship reimbursement.

Scholarship Selection Criteria

Applicants must submit a letter describing their planning experience and future goals along with an explanation of their financial hardship preventing attendance at the conference. The letter should be no more than two (2) pages and need to include the applicant's mailing address, email address and phone number.

Preference is given to:

- Applicants who otherwise would be unlikely to attend the Texas Chapter Conference without the scholarship, or
- Applicants whose employer will not subsidize conference expenses.

Applications must be submitted by, NOON, Monday, October 2, 2017 via email to:

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