



American Planning Association
Pennsylvania Chapter

Making Great Communities Happen

PA Chapter of APA Scholarship Program 2023-2024 Academic Year

The PA Chapter of APA offers a scholarship program to support individuals seeking funds for academic degree programs, internships, and professional development activities that enhance planning at the local, regional, state, and national levels. **These scholarships are intended primarily for students.**

Francis Pitkin Scholarships

The Francis Pitkin Fund was established to promote and support education in the art and science of local, regional, state and national planning.

Eligible activities and candidates:

Eligible activities include but are not limited to degree programs, internships, seminars, and such other educational programs. Eligible candidates include professional planners, students studying for degrees in planning, and such other persons showing a strong interest in or currently working in the area of local, state, regional or national planning (including planning officials).

The Leslie and Greta Spaulding Education Fund

The Leslie and Greta Spaulding Education Fund was established to provide scholarships and internships for students studying for degrees in City and Regional Planning. **The amount of each scholarship or internship shall be based on the student's financial need and the amount of income available through the Fund.**

Eligible activities and candidates:

Preference may be given to a resident of Pennsylvania studying at a Pennsylvania college or university; however applicants need not be residents of Pennsylvania.

Richard P. Byler Charitable Fund of the Philadelphia Foundation

This fund awards grants to the PA Chapter of APA to support scholarships. Specifically the grant is used "for support of the Francis Pitkin (Fund), the Irving Hand Professional Development Fund (*no longer available*), or support of the Southeast region (i.e. the SE Section of APA-PA) of the American Institute of Certified Planners..."

Guidelines

Scholarship applications will be accepted until 11:59 PM on May 1, 2023. All applications must be submitted online. Scholarship decisions will be announced by June 30, 2023 and **awarded in the summer.**

Criteria for Selection

Availability of Funds:

The amount of funds available for awards in each calendar year will be determined by each respective Board in the spring of each application year. The PA Chapter of APA Executive Committee will determine the number of awards to be given in each year using Pitkin Scholarship funds and Richard P. Byler Charitable funds. The trustees of the Leslie and Greta Spaulding Education Fund will determine the number of awards to be given each year using its funds.

Applicants MUST submit:

- **Statement of Interest:**

Each applicant must submit a narrative statement indicating the intended use of the funds and an explanation of the applicant's desire to enter or continue in the field of planning citing information about where s/he wants to work and plans after graduation. **The narrative should not exceed 1000 words.** Additional documents to include are: a transcript, and a resume of any past work/internship experience.

- **Applicant Financial Need**

Each applicant must include a financial statement of need. This may take the form of a financial aid form acceptable at an academic institution. Each applicant must also submit a budget for the proposed course of study, documenting the use of the award.