

Professional Development Scholarship Overview



- Purpose:** The Central Section of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA PA – Central Section) is pleased to offer a Professional Development Scholarship to its membership. This Scholarship is available for the education and training of planners, public officials and students in the Section, including, but not limited to, Section workshops, Chapter conferences, and AICP exam.
- Criteria:** To be eligible for a Scholarship, applicants must be a member in good standing with the APA PA – Central Section and demonstrate financial hardship. Applicants will be required to state intended use of the scholarship and how it will expand their planning knowledge base or reach planning career goals. Applicants who receive a reimbursement from their employers are not eligible for this scholarship. For scholarships for the AICP exam, scholarship shall be paid upon proof of a passing score.
- Guidelines:** Scholarships will be awarded on a biannual basis. Applicants must submit a full application packet to the Vice-Chair of the Central Section electronically prior to the deadline. Awards will be voted on by the Central Section Council. Applicants can receive this Scholarship once in a 3-year period.
- Amount:** Scholarship amounts will be awarded based on request, with a maximum award of \$500.00.
- Deadline:** There are two application deadlines to accommodate training and testing periods. They are: **February 1st by 4:00 PM** and **August 1st by 4:00 PM**. Applications can be submitted at any point during the year, but will only be considered after the nearest deadlines.

**Professional Development Scholarship
Application**



Name: _____

School/Organization/Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Scholarship Amount Requested: \$_____

Demonstrate your Financial Need for the Scholarship:

Describe your intended use of the Scholarship, including specific uses of funds (100 – 300 words):

Describe how this Scholarship will assist you in reaching your planning or planning-related career goals or expand your planning knowledge base (200 – 400 words):

Submit Application to Tara Hitchens, AICP: thitchens@eastlampetertownship.org