AICP Exam Scholarship Information
2021 May & November Exams

The American Planning Association and APA Colorado 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.

**Deadlines**
- May 2021 Exam: Friday, November 20, 2020
- November 2021 Exam: April 30, 2021

**Selection Criteria**
Candidates must be members of the Colorado Chapter to qualify and must complete the Diversity Scholarship Application which includes a statement of identification with one or more of the above underrepresented populations. Applicants must also provide an explanation of any financial hardship (including financial hardship caused by a budget cutback in a firm or agency.) The applicant(s) selected will be otherwise unlikely to take the exam without the reduced fee.

**How to Apply**
1. Complete the Application form by deadlines provided above.
2. Submit the application to: Admin@apacolorado.org

**Additional Information**
The exam application and the scholarship application are completely independent. The early bird and final deadlines for the exam applications are published online [HERE](#).

For more information regarding the exam application, please visit [http://www.planning.org/certification/](http://www.planning.org/certification/). **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 Colorado 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.

For more information, please contact the Professional Development Officer – at PDO@apacolorado.org.