**NOVEMBER 2014 AICP EXAM**

**REDUCED FEE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The cost to applicants seeking to take the November 2014 AICP Exam for the first time remains at $495, and for previously-approved applicants the cost is $425. In order to assist exam-takers from the California Chapter with the cost of the AICP Exam, the Chapter will award **AICP Exam Reduced Fee Scholarships** in the amount of $360 each to offset applicants’ costs. Thus, those awarded the Chapter scholarships will only pay $135 (combined $70 application and $65 exam fee for first-time AICP Exam applicants), or $65 (exam fee only for previously-approved AICP Exam applicants). To be eligible for an AICP Exam Reduced Fee Scholarship for the May 2014 AICP Exam, please complete this application and email it to **Betsy McCullough, AICP**, Vice President of Professional Development at **betsy92106@gmail.com** **no later than 5 PM on Monday June 30, 2014**. Late applications cannot be accepted.

Some of the individual Sectionswithin the Chapter may also be awarding Section-sponsored AICP Exam Reduced Fee Scholarships in varying dollar amounts. Applicants not selected to receive a Chapter AICP Exam Reduced Fee Scholarship may be considered for a Section Scholarship from their primary Section using this application process - if that Section is offering scholarships for the November 2014 exam.

A small review committee, working with the Vice President of Professional Development, will review all applications received by the submittal deadline. This committee will make a final determination of the qualified scholarship recipients. Selected scholarship recipients will be notified mid-July 2014, prior to the final filing deadline of July 24; however, you do not have to wait until notified to submit your application. APA National can reimburse your scholarship amount if you are awarded. **NOTE**: The awarding of this scholarship does not guarantee that a recipient will be approved to take the AICP Exam. The exam application will be evaluated by APA National staff like any other. All application information provided here will remain confidential and not be shared beyond the review committee. Sections will be notified if an applicant is awarded a Section scholarship however.

Since these scholarships are very limited in number, and to make this opportunity available to those APA California members with the greatest financial need, a scholarship will not be awarded to anyone who has been previously awarded either a Chapter or Section scholarship. Chapter scholarships awarded for the November 2014 AICP Exam will not be transferable to a future AICP Exam unless specific permission is granted by APA National. If you withdraw your application from the process or if you are not accepted to take the exam in November 2014, please notify us so we can more fairly address the pool of applicants who are proceeding in this exam period.

**We strongly encourage you to apply for an Early Bird decision on your application to take the November 2014 AICP Exam**. The benefit to you is that APA National staff can review your application and give you feedback on what might be lacking within a timeframe that enables you to resubmit for the same exam that you’ve been studying for! A successful application will allow you to utilize a Chapter scholarship. If your application for the November 2014 exam is not accepted, an awarded scholarship may not be available to you for a future exam.

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Current APA Member Number**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Note: if you have either changed your primary Section within APA California, or if you have recently changed your membership to APA California within the last 3 months, please include written confirmation of this recent transaction. If you have recently joined or rejoined APA, please include confirmation of your new membership along with your member number.**

**Your Current California Chapter Section:**

🞏 Central 🞏 Central Coast 🞏 Inland Empire 🞏 Los Angeles

🞏 Northern 🞏 Orange 🞏 Sacramento Valley 🞏 San Diego

**Please Confirm Each of the Following by Initialing Statements 1- 4**

1. I have reviewed the educational and experience qualifications required to take the AICP exam and believe I meet them: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see <http://www.planning.org/certification/eligible/htm> for more information)

2. I am a member in good standing of the California Chapter of APA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. I have not previously received a Chapter or Section AICP Exam Reduced Fee Scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. I have applied for the Early Bird Decision to APA for the November 2014 AICP exam \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please Answer Each of the Following Regarding Financial Impacts on Your Ability to take the AICP Exam:**

4. I am a first time AICP Exam applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. My employer does not subsidize my cost of taking the AICP exam: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. I am currently unemployed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. My salary/hourly rate has been reduced and/or I am required to take a mandatory furlough(s):

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8. I have household financial constraints impacting my ability to pay for the exam (including but not limited to mortgage or unemployed spouse/significant other):

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9. Other financial considerations I wish to make the review committee aware of:

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10. I am actively involved in local and/or statewide APA activities and events (please indicate whether you are involved in a Section Board, YPG, or other ongoing contribution through your Section):

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**Please provide a brief statement explaining why you are requesting financial assistance to take the November 2014 AICP Exam. You may also expand upon any of the answers given above.**