



NOVEMBER 2020 AICP EXAM FEE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

In order to assist exam-takers from the California Chapter with the cost of the AICP Exam, the Chapter will award **Eight AICP Exam Fee Scholarships** to offset applicants' costs. The AICP Exam Fee Scholarship program was established to offer assistance to individuals who may defer taking or are unable to take the AICP exam because of the cost. One AICP Exam Fee Scholarship will be awarded for each of the eight (8) sections within the California Chapter.

Scholarship recipients pay reduced fees to AICP as follows:

- Approved AICP applicants: \$75 (exam fee only). The fee is reduced from \$425 and all applicants pay the \$85 application fee.
- **NEW!** AICP Candidate Pilot Program Participants –the exam registration fee will only be reduced by \$25 (exam fee only). The fee is reduced from \$100 to \$75.

To be eligible for an AICP Exam Reduced Fee Scholarship for the November 2020 AICP Exam, please complete this application and email it to **Sharon Grewal, AICP**, Vice President of Professional Development at sharon.grewal.aicp@gmail.com **no later than on Wednesday, October 14, 2020**. Late applications cannot be accepted.

Some of the individual Sections within 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 2020 exam.

A small review committee, working with the Vice President of Professional Development, will review all applications received by the submittal deadline. If there isn't a suitable awardee from a Section, the review committee has the discretion to award the scholarship to applicants from another Section. This committee will make a final determination of the qualified scholarship recipients. Selected scholarship recipients will be notified within a week of the application deadline. **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.

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 2020 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 2020, please notify us so we can more fairly address the pool of applicants who are proceeding in this exam period.

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Name: _____

Address _____

Email _____

Day Phone: _____

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 1-3:

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 Early Decision to APA for the November 2020 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):

- 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):

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

- 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):

Please provide a brief statement (250 words or less) explaining why you are requesting financial assistance to take the November 2020 AICP Exam. You may also expand upon any of the answers given above.

Your answers will remain confidential among Chapter Review Committee members.