



American Planning Association  
**Latinos and Planning Division**

*Creating Great Communities for All*

## **2021 Latinos and Planning Division Student Scholarship**

### **The Program**

The Latinos and Planning Division (LAP) of the American Planning Association (APA) strives to address planning issues affecting Latinx communities in the U.S. as well as to increase Latinx representation in the profession. The purpose of the LAP scholarship program is to foster increased interest in the study of urban planning within the Latinx student population at the advanced undergraduate and graduate levels.

The program is open to third and fourth year undergraduate students and first and second year masters degree students. One scholarship of \$500 will be awarded to be used for fees, books, or academic materials.

### **Eligibility**

Eligible applicants should identify as Latinx and have student membership to the LAP Division (Membership is free for students. To join click [here](#)). Applicants must intend to work as a practicing professional planner in the non-profit, public or private sector and are:

- Currently enrolled in either of the following:
  - Third or fourth year undergraduate students in a planning program.
  - First or second year graduate students in a planning program.

### **Application Requirements**

Applicants for the LAP scholarship shall submit **all** of the following:

- 1 to 2-page personal and background statement written by the student, describing their interest in a career in planning and describing what impact the student wants to make in the planning field related to Latinx communities or the profession;
- One letter of recommendation from a professor, a community leader, or current/ past employer in support of the student's application and personal background statement;.
- Official transcript of current course of study (for current students) or a copy of an acceptance letter from a graduate planning school (for incoming students); and
- Resume of work experience and background.

An email verification of application receipt will be sent to the participant by the LAP Scholarship Committee.

## **Selection Criteria**

The LAP Scholarship Committee will review applications and determine the scholarship award recipient. Applications will be judged using the following criteria, listed in order of importance:

1. The significance of the applicant's personal and background statement;
2. The content in the letter of recommendation; and
3. Academic achievement and/or service or impacts made in the Latinx community or the planning profession.

As part of the selection process and at the sole option of the Scholarship Committee, the top applicants may be required to participate in a telephone interview with members of the committee.

## **The Award Process**

The Scholarship Committee will convene in June 2021 to review applications and identify the scholarship award recipient. The Committee will identify the top three participants and issue the award to the highest ranked. Award recipients are required to provide an emailed acceptance of the award to the Committee within ten (10) calendar days of receiving an award notification message. With the acceptance of the money, the award recipient will be asked to provide their current mailing address, a photo and a 250-500 word biography to be featured in the next LAP newsletter. In the event that the winner cannot fulfill the requirements of the scholarship, the award will be granted to the next ranked participant.

## **Deadline**

Important dates applicable to the LAP Scholarship Program:

### Submittal Deadline

May 31, 2021 11:59 pm PST

### Award Announced

June 2021

Please scan and email the required documents with 'LAP 2021 Scholarship' in the subject line to the Scholarship Committee: [latinosandplanning2@gmail.com](mailto:latinosandplanning2@gmail.com)