



AICP Exam Scholarship Information

May 2018 Exam

The American Planning Association and the American Institute of Certified Planners have joined together to offer reduced AICP exam fee scholarships to two Colorado Chapter members in 2017. The Chapter will select up to two scholarship winners for the May 2018 testing window. If both scholarships are not awarded, or Colorado is allocated one or more additional scholarships after this round, we will add these scholarships to the pool for other applicants around the country. The purpose of the scholarship is to offer assistance to those individuals who may defer taking or are unable to take the AICP exam due to financial reasons.

First time exam candidates as well as previous (but unsuccessful) test-takers qualify for the reduced rates:

- First time AICP applicants: \$145 (combined \$70 application and \$75 exam fee)
- Previously approved AICP applicants: \$75 (exam fee only)

Selection Criteria

Exam candidates must provide a written explanation of their financial hardship (including financial hardship caused by a budget cutback in a firm or agency), which necessitates the request. Additional considerations include:

- Members of ethnic or racial minorities shall be given preference.
- The applicant(s) selected will be otherwise unlikely to take the exam without the reduced fee.
- The applicant's employer will not subsidize the exam fee.

How to Apply

1. Complete the scholarship application form by **February 2, 2018**. Candidates must be members of the Colorado Chapter to qualify.
2. Send your application to: Shelia Booth, AICP (SBooth@apacolorado.org)

Additional Information

The exam application and the scholarship application are completely independent. The early bird deadline for the May exam application was December 7, 2017; the final deadline is December 28, 2017. For more information regarding the exam application, please visit <http://www.planning.org/certification/>. **Applying for the reduced fee does not guarantee you will qualify to sit for the exam.** Because of the deadline for the exam and the time it takes for AICP to review candidate qualifications, 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 early September whether they have been selected for recommendation to APA National for the reduced fee scholarship. We may also select an alternate in 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 – Allison Crump, AICP at PDO@apacolorado.org.