Need financial help applying or preparing for the AICP certification exam?

Apply for a Central Section AICP Scholarship!

During 2019 and 2020, the APA Central Section of is offering 2 AICP scholarships, of up to $500 each to help Central APA members cover costs related to either the exam application or preparation. Members awarded the scholarships will receive the funds on a reimbursement-basis.

Applicants will need to provide the following:

- **Letter of Interest**: A letter of interest indicating how the scholarship funds would be used and how AICP certification would help the planner within the planning field. Letters of interest will be used to form an eligibility list.
- **Receipts**: Submittal of associated receipts, accompanied by a signed letter stating that the AICP expenses will not be covered by the member’s employer.

Summary:

- Only Central Section APA members applying for the November 2019 or May 2020 AICP exam are eligible. (Scholarship funds can be applied to the AICP Candidate Pilot Program or the regular AICP certification process.)
- Scholarship funds can be applied to either the application/registration for the exam, or for courses or materials to prepare for the exam, including the distance learning AICP prep program currently being offered jointly by the Central Valley and San Diego Sections of the APA.
- Members’ employers must not be paying for the same costs.
- If an employer is paying for some costs but not others, APA members are eligible for reimbursement of the costs not covered by the employer.
- Only one AICP scholarship will be awarded to each applicant over the course of their APA membership.

Interested in applying?

Scholarships will be awarded on a “first-come, first-serve” basis, based on the following two-step process:

- **Step 1**: Submit your letter of interest after APA has approved your application to sit for the AICP exam, and before the exam registration deadline; this will form the eligibility list. (The registration deadline for the November 2019 test is October 31, 2019, 5 p.m., and the registration deadline for the May 2020 test will be in late April 2020.)
- **Step 2**: Submit your receipts after taking the exam, with a signed letter stating that your employer will not cover the costs. Chronological order of receipts received will determine funding priority.

E-mail statements of interest to Carolina Illic, Central APA Professional Development Officer, at carolina.ilic@fresno.gov. Carolina will maintain a list of eligible recipients, based on the letters of interest submitted before the exam registration deadline. After the exam, eligible planners that submit their receipts and signed letter will receive the scholarship funds, of up to $500, on a reimbursement basis, in chronological order received. Pending interest and available funds, the APA Board could decide to increase the number of scholarships awarded upon a formal vote of the Board.

**Questions?** Contact Carolina Illic at 619-621-1499.