

## AICP EXAM FEE SCHOLARSHIP

AICP is the American Planning Association's professional institute, providing recognized leadership nationwide in the certification of professional planners, ethics, professional development, planning education, and the standards of planning practice. Taking the AICP exam is the first step to becoming a certified planner. To qualify, one must be a current APA member, submit an online application meeting certain education and experience criteria, and pass an examination. Individuals applying to take the AICP Certification exam must demonstrate that they have engaged in professional planning experience that qualifies them for AICP certification.

A complete description of the AICP process and requirements is found on the APA National website at <https://www.planning.org/certification/>

Note the following upcoming important dates:

- December 2, 2019 – application period for May 2020 AICP exam opens
- December 9, 2019 – deadline for early bird application
- December 30, 2019 – final deadline for applications to be submitted to APA National
- May 11 – 23, 2020 – Testing Window

**Financial Assistance:** The cost to applicants seeking to take the AICP Exam for the first time remains at \$495. In order to assist first time exam-takers with the cost of the AICP Exam, the South Dakota Planners Association will award AICP Exam Fee Scholarships in the amount of \$495 for first time applicants. Thus, those awarded the scholarships will only pay \$70 (application fee). To be eligible for an AICP Exam Fee Scholarship for the May 2020 AICP Exam, please complete the application form and email it to Brandi Hanten, Secretary/Treasurer at [bhanten@watertownsd.us](mailto:bhanten@watertownsd.us) no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, February 15, 2020.

The officers of the South Dakota Planners Association will review all applications received by the submittal deadline. The officers will make a final determination of the qualified scholarship recipients, which shall not exceed \$5,000 in total scholarships. Selected scholarship recipients will be notified by the middle of March 2020.

# **SDPA AICP EXAM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **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 <https://www.planning.org/certification/eligible/> for more information)
2. I am a first time AICP Exam applicant: \_\_\_\_\_
3. I am a member in good standing of the South Dakota Planners Association: \_\_\_\_\_
4. I have not previously received a South Dakota Planners Association Exam Fee Scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_
5. I have applied to APA for the May 2020 AICP exam: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Please provide a brief statement explaining why you are requesting a scholarship to take the May 2020 AICP Exam.**

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