



Urban Planning High School
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The **American Planning Student Association** of Cal Poly Pomona (**APSA**), **California Chapter of the American Planning Association (CCAPA)** and **California Planning Foundation (CPF)** are two organizations that represent the planning profession and understand the importance of diversity in the profession.

In 1999 an independent survey of planning professionals was performed¹. The data from the survey corroborates the relatively small percentage of non-white planners in APA at 7.9 percent, and the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) at 5.8 percent. Other interesting data from the 1999 survey includes:

Non- White Planners	Early in Career (less than 10 yrs.)	More than 20 yrs. in Career
APA	10%	5%
AICP	9%	3.6%
Accredited Planning School Graduates and APA Members	11%	5.6%

The **American Planning Student Association** of Cal Poly Pomona (**APSA**) is a student organization of the American Planning Association designed to foster communication, stimulate interest in urban affairs, increase diversity among our members, and further educational development within the student body at Cal Poly Pomona. The members of APSA gain personal and professional contacts through their interaction with other members of the organization, the faculty, and with other planning professionals throughout the surrounding communities. Membership in APSA is open to all students officially enrolled at Cal Poly Pomona with an interest in urban planning. APSA is affiliated with other urban planning students from UCLA and USC to promote networking and learn from students in other schools.

The California Chapter of the **American Planning Association, California Chapter (CCAPA)** mission is

1. Provide vision and leadership that fosters better planning for California;
2. Build public and political support for sound planning; and
3. Provide its members with the tools, services and support that advance the art and science of planning. APACA is committed to support, and retain people of color in the planning profession is critical for its long-term success and viability. It values the importance of attracting young people of color to the planning profession.

¹ The source for this data is an unpublished national survey conducted in 1999 by Linda Dalton and Elizabeth Howe of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.



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The **California Planning Foundation (CPF)** is a nonprofit, charitable corporation established to further the professional practice of planning in California. CPF achieves this goal through its primary activity of scholarships and awards to university students in financial need, who have demonstrated academic excellence at programs approved by the Planning Accreditation Board. A secondary, but vitally important CPF activity is the sponsorship of workshops, publications and other continuing educational and professional development programs. CPF promotes the objectives of equal opportunity and social equity in all programs supported by contributions to CPF and fund-raising activities.

The Urban Planning High School Diversity Scholarship is based on available funds. 2 scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$500 and will be distributed upon verification of enrollment into an undergraduate-planning program in the State of California accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB) in either Fall 2008 or 2009.

Requirements:

- Must enter a PAB accredited planning program
- Have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Official High School Transcript
- Letter of Recommendation(s) showcasing academic ability and extra curricular activities. Letter(s) must be signed and sealed on official letterhead.
- Write a 2 page personal statement
- Minority Group: Hispanic/Latino, Asian, African-American, Native-American

Personal written statement:

What is ethnic diversity and how important is it to community planning?

Application Deadline: Must arrive at our office no later than Friday April 18, 2008

Submit a complete application to:

American Planning Student Association
Urban Planning High School Diversity Scholarship Committee
Department of Urban and Regional Planning
3801 West Temple Avenue, Building 7
Pomona, California 91768

Timeline

High School Diversity Scholarship Due	Friday, April 18, 2008
Scholarship Recipient Announced	Monday, May 12, 2008
Scholarship Recipient Awarded at URP Awards	Thursday, May 22 or 29, 2008
Scholarship Recipient Funds Distributed	Fall 2008 or Fall 2009

The scholarship recipient will be invited (optional) to attend the Urban and Regional Planning Department (URP) Awards presented by (APSA) American Planning Student Association to be held in May.

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