# **PBCD Student Travel Scholarship for 2019 National Planning Conference**

# **PBCD Mission Statement:**

To provide a forum for planners, administrators, public officials, students, and other APA members **to address issues of significance to the Black community**; and promote knowledge exchange between members and other organizations, encourage and support professional development among Black planners, and provide a forum of career advancement.

**Purpose:**

The Planning and the Black Community Division (PBCD) values professional development among all of its members, especially students. The National Planning Conference is an impactful opportunity that fosters motivation, inspiration and new ideas among its participants, thus bringing positive benefits to students with aspirations in leading change through the field of urban planning. This award will provide funding support for travel and/or hotel accommodations at the 2019 National Planning Conference in San Francisco, CA. In hopes of enhancing the experience of PBCD student members a $500 scholarship will be provided to assist travel needs of a deserving applicant. This scholarship will also boost the involvement among students of African American descent at the Conference.

**Eligibility:**

A scholarship recipient is a student member of the Planning and the Black Community Division that exemplifies community involvement, drive for professional growth and a thorough Travel Budget that can be easily accommodated through the scholarship.

**Travel Scholarship Structure:**

Interested students must submit an application package that will then be reviewed by the PBCD Scholarship Committee. The Committee will evaluate applications based on student membership (can be found by logging into the APA portal and downloading the member’s enrollment status summary), student’s travel budget and the extent to which attendance to the NPC will support their professional goals as expressed in the essay submission

Based on the quality of applications received, emphasis on essay and Travel Budget, the Committee will provide one scholarship of $500. Travel budget serves as opportunity for Review Committee to be made aware of whether the applicant intends to use the scholarship for full or partial coverage. PBCD staff will apply the funds to flight/hotel needs that are specified in the student’s Travel Budget. Based on the limited funds available, the PBCD Scholarship Review committee has the authority to redistribute use Travel Funds upon the selected applicant’s approval.

**Scholarship Requirements:**

Applicants will be selected based on student member status, community service involvement and quality of essay submission. The application must exhibit creativity, critical thinking, conciseness and passion for serving the Black community as a future urban planner. Attach proof of PBCD membership to the application.

**Application Process:**

1. The Applicant will submit ONE application package that includes the following materials:
   1. Scholarship Application
   2. Essay
   3. Proposed Travel Budget
   4. Proof of PBCD Student Membership
2. A Scholarship Committee representing the PBCD will review applications and determine an award winner. Applications will be judged using the following criteria listed in order of importance: 1) ability to voice intentional agenda for attending the NPC 2) ability to voice how the Conference will support your professional development/career goals. Final candidate will be contacted for final round interviews. All applicants will be notified of the final decision.
3. The PBCD Chair will announce the scholarship award recipient in late March 2019 through email and the PBCD monthly newsletter

**Deadline:** All materials must be received to the PBCD Scholarship Committee at [info\_PBCD@planning.org](mailto:info_PBCD@planning.org) by ***March 21, 2019*** with the ***subject line entitled “PBCD Student Travel Scholarship”.***

**The PBCD Student Travel Scholarship for NPC 2019 Application**

**PART I: APPLICANT INFORMATION**

NAME: LAST FIRST M.I. DATE OF BIRTH

Female

Male

EMAIL

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP PHONE

PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)

CITY, STATE, ZIP PHONE

RACIAL HERITAGE AND/OR ETHINICITY (OPTIONAL)

**PART II: ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

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MAJOR MINOR (IF APPLICABLE)

**Cumulative GPA:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Anticipated Graduation Date**: Click or tap to enter a date.

**PART III: EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE** (add additional sheets as needed) PLEASE LIST ANY PAID EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, BEGINNING WITH MOST RECENT ACTIVITY.

Name of Employer Position Dates

**PART IV: PERSONAL STATEMENT AND ESSAYS**

Please choose and respond to one of the topics below in 500 words:

1. Where do you see yourself in the next 5 or more years? Describe your career aspiration and how attending the National Planning Conference will support your future goals?

**Insert 500-word essay here**

**PART VI: TRAVEL BUDGET**

*Budget may include estimated hotel costs and up to 3 options for departure* ***and/or*** *return flight time and costs. Please fill out the areas that apply to your needs.*

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Return Airport:

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Hotel

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| **Dates** | **Name and Address Location** | **Cost** |
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# **PART VII: ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION**

Please include a scanned copy of your proof of student membership to this document as an attachment.

I understand that by signing this application for the PBCD Student Travel Scholarship that I have read the

requirements and that I am fully aware of the tasks and assignments associated with the

program and that I will comply with the criteria outlined in the Scholarship application.

Signature/Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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<https://www.planning.org/divisions/blackcommunity>

Facebook at Planning and the Black Community Division

Twitter @ twitter.com/pbcdiv