



American Planning Association
Kansas Chapter

Making Great Communities Happen

APA-Kansas Chapter Awards

Recognizing Great Planning in Kansas

All APA-Kansas members are invited to nominate a person, group, institution, or organization for one of the 2011 APA-Kansas Chapter Awards. Awards are made in the following categories:

- **Ad Astra Award**, for an individual or institution making a significant long-term contribution to the field of planning in Kansas;
- **Pioneer Award**, recognizing creativity and innovation in using planning to meet a community need or solve a public problem, in urban or rural areas;
- **Sodbuster Award**, recognizing an individual, appointed official, or an elected official who has advanced or promoted the cause of planning in the public arena; and
- **New Horizon Award**, recognizing a student or student group that pushes the boundaries of planning in creative and innovative ways.

Awards will be presented at the Awards Luncheon during the Kansas Planning Conference, October 13-14 in Topeka. Recipients of awards will receive an engraved plaque and a certificate and will be featured on the APA-Kansas website as well as in the APA-Kansas newsletter.

Help us to celebrate great planning in Kansas by nominating an outstanding planning effort.
Award nominations are due by August 5, 2011.



Kansas APA Award Categories & Criteria:

Ad Astra Award

Recognizes an individual or institution that has made a significant long-term contribution to the field of planning in the state of Kansas. The impact of their work extends beyond the geographic boundaries of their place of business and has taken the profession of planning to higher levels.

Eligibility:

Candidates can apply or be nominated.

Criteria:

Enhancement of planning profession – Describe how the nominee has shaped the profession statewide.

Significant Contribution– Identify projects or policies this person or institution has made over an extended period of time to promote planning.

Note: This recognition is reserved for rare occasions and will not be awarded annually.

Pioneer Award (Small Town/Rural)

Recognizes an individual or institution that has demonstrated creativity and innovation in using planning to meet a community need or solve a public problem. The solution must be sustainable, have public support, and the ability to be implemented.

Eligibility:

Candidates can apply or be nominated.

Criteria:

Planning Solution – Identify the problem or need and describe how planning played a role in designing a solution.

Creative yet practical – Describe the original thinking involved with the solution and demonstrate public involvement and support.

Pioneer Award (Urban)

Recognizes an individual or institution that has demonstrated creativity and innovation in using planning to meet a community need or solve a public problem. The solution must be sustainable, have public support, and the ability to be implemented.

Eligibility:

Candidates can apply or be nominated.

Criteria:

Planning Solution – Identify the problem or need and describe how planning played a role in designing a solution.

Creative yet practical – Describe the original thinking involved with the solution and demonstrate public involvement and support.

Sod Buster Award

Recognizes an individual, appointed official, or an elected official who has advanced or promoted the cause of planning in the public arena. Those nominated may include engaged citizens demonstrating outstanding leadership in a community, region, or state; members of planning commissions, boards of zoning appeals, economic development boards, environmental or historic preservation councils, or other appointed officials; or elected officials, whether holding office at the local, regional, or state level. Nominations may also include the more nontraditional roles of citizen activists or neighborhood leaders.

Eligibility:

Candidates cannot be self-nominated and cannot earn their living as planners.

Criteria:

Support of planning– Illustrate how the nominee’s work has increased the understanding of the planning process. Indicate how the nominee has shown a clear understanding of, and support for, the role of planners in public life.

Effectiveness and results – Describe the extent that the nominee has been effective in formulating and implementing plans and ideas in support of good planning. Identify the level of influence and effectiveness achieved by the nominee within different segments of the community.

New Horizon Award (Individual Student Project)

New Horizon Award (Team Student Project)

Eligibility

These awards are open to any student or team student project/paper/plan produced while the student(s) were enrolled in a graduate level planning program during the Fall 2010 through Spring 2011 semesters.

Criteria

The applications should focus on how the nominee’s achievement illustrates excellence in planning with attention to comprehension of planning principles and the planning process. In addition, the nomination should particularly demonstrate how the project pushes the boundaries of planning in creative and innovative ways. However, in being creative, the project should continue to be feasible. By being innovative yet viable, the winning projects will contribute to advancing the field.



2011 Kansas Planning Awards Cover Sheet

Please complete the information below and include it as the first page of the nomination.

Award Category:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ad Astra Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer Award (Rural) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Horizon Award (individual) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer Award (Urban) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Horizon Award (group) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sod Buster Award |

Nominee: _____ **Name of Project:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Email Address: _____

Nominator: _____ **Title:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Email Address: _____

Signature of Person Submitting Application

Date

Submissions can be made in hardcopy OR electronic format.

Hardcopy Submissions – Five (5) complete sets of the application (including all support material) must be submitted with a postmark of no later than **August 5, 2011**. Mail applications to Bonnie Johnson, KU Urban Planning Department, 1465 Jayhawk Blvd., Room 317, Lawrence, KS 66045-7626.

Electronic Submissions – One (1) complete application must be submitted in PDF format to Bonnie Johnson at bojjohn@ku.edu. Submissions must be received no later than **5:00 PM** on **August 5, 2011**. If the submission is too large to email, contact Bonnie Johnson and she will send you the location of an electronic drop box where you can upload your submission.

General Submission Information

- Entries must include a two-page explanation that specifically answers the criteria in the order requested under each category.
- Entries must include the end product (plan, project, etc.) and any necessary supporting documents.
- Entries must include at least one, but no more than three one-page letter(s) in support of the entry. The letter(s) should offer support for the value of the nominated effort and may not be written by the nominator of the submission, by the nominated individual or by anyone who directly worked on the project.
- Entries receiving awards become the property of APA-Kansas and will not be returned.
- Five complete sets of the hardcopy application materials (include all supporting documents) must be submitted with a postmark of **no later than August 5, 2011 (hardcopies) OR** one complete electronic application (include all supporting documents) in PDF format must be received **no later than 5:00 PM on August 5, 2011 (electronic copy).**

Mail or email application materials to:

Bonnie Johnson
Graduate Program in Urban Planning
University of Kansas
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Lawrence, KS 66045-7626
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Should you have any questions about the 2011 award categories or award criteria, please contact Bonnie Johnson at bojjohn@ku.edu or (785) 864-7147.

Judging

Judging for the Kansas Planning Awards will take place during August/September of 2011. Jurors are under no obligation to grant an award in any category or may select to move a nomination to a different category. Nominators of submissions will be notified confidentially in early September. Official announcements of submissions receiving awards will be made after all nominators have been notified.

Award Recognition

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