

THE ROBERT A. CATLIN/DAVID W. LONG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Mission Statement of the Planning and the Black Community Division (PBCD)

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 career information

The Purpose:

Named after committed planners and long-standing PBCD members, The Robert A. Catlin/David W. Long Memorial Scholarship is designed to foster and increased interest in the profession of urban planning among Black students. The goal of the scholarship is to encourage the pursuit and achievement of an increased number of Black graduate students in the field of urban planning. The goal is to create a critical mass of Black planning professionals who support one another, and provide new perspectives on issues facing the communities that they serve.

Eligibility:

The \$2,500 scholarship is available to Black undergraduate students who are applying to, or have been accepted and plan to enroll into, an urban planning program for graduate studies and Black graduate students majoring in urban planning or a related field (environmental studies, geography, urban studies, urban policy etc.). Students applying to graduate programs must show proof of acceptance and intent to enroll if awarded the scholarship. The applicant should be in good academic standing and active member of their communities. The scholarship will be awarded to the student to cover costs associated with the pursuit of their studies. The scholarship is awarded to a student only one time during their tenure in a planning program.

Application Process:

The applicant should submit ONE application package that includes the following materials:

CHECKLIST

- ✓ Scholarship Application
- ✓ Personal Statement/ Essay Question
- ✓ Proof of enrollment in graduate program, list of graduate programs applied to, or acceptance to graduate program
- ✓ A letter of recommendation (must be sent directly to the review committee)

Deadline:

All materials must be received by the Vice Chairperson of Policy, Eric D. Shaw via email by **5:00pm EST, Friday, February 26, 2010** at the following email address:

pbcd.policy@gmail.com

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PART III: EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

PLEASE LIST ANY PAID EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, BEGINNING WITH MOST RECENT ACTIVITY.

NAME OF AGENCY OR EMPLOYER

POSITION

DATES OF SERVICE

PART IV: PERSONAL STATEMENT AND ESSAYS

Please write on the following topics:

1. What interests you about the field of planning? What are your professional goals? (1 page maximum)
2. Many leaders in Black communities from Harlem, to Oakland, to New Orleans have eschewed the planning process, proclaiming planning as a means to hinder timely development in Black communities and encourage the dissolution of established communities. Write a letter to these leaders explaining the positive role that planning could play in developing and supporting Black communities. Be thoughtful, persuasive and candid. (3 pages maximum)

Please save the essays in .doc, .pdf, .or .rtf format with the following naming protocol Lastname_essay number (i.e. Shaw_essay1)

PART V: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please provide a letter of recommendation from a person who would be able to comment on your academic/ professional activities. Please have the person writing the recommendation email it directly to the scholarship review committee.

PART VI: ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION

Please include a scanned copy of your student identification card, and proof of enrollment in planning or a related field or acceptance into, or application to a graduate planning program.



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HOW LONG DID IT TAKE TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION (INCLUDING ESSAYS)?
