



American Planning Association
Michigan Chapter

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Black Student Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: Via email by October 3, 2025, 5 pm

The purpose of the Black Student Scholarship Program is to provide a scholarship to Black students enrolled in an urban and regional planning program at a Michigan university to cover the costs to attend the MAP Planning Michigan Conference at the Kalamazoo Radisson in Kalamazoo MI October 22 to 24, 2025. The scholarship has no cash value and will be used exclusively to cover costs associated with attendance at the 2025 MAP Conference including conference registration, travel (gas card), and 2 hotel room nights.

The MAP Annual Planning Michigan Conference is an impactful opportunity that fosters motivation, inspiration, and new ideas among its participants, bringing positive benefits to students in the community planning profession. The objective of the scholarship is to provide access to Black planning students who might not otherwise be able to attend. The opportunity to choose a mentor will be provided to each conference scholarship recipient onsite to help navigate the conference, broker introductions, facilitate networking, and generally provide support and guidance that will enhance the scholarship recipient's experience. A Black student and professional luncheon is also included.

Send the completed application AS ONE PDF in the following order: 1) application 2) statement of interest, and 3) resume to abrown@planningmi.org by 5:00 pm October 3, 2025.

Name _____
Last First Middle

Mailing Address

Street City State Zip Code

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Member of the Michigan Association of Planning Yes ___ Since _____ Member No _____
Membership with the Michigan Association of Planning, a Chapter of the American Planning Association, is required at time of application. Contact the MAP office at (734) 913-2000 or info@planningmi.org to determine membership status or to join.

University and Degree Program: Please identify the College or University at which you are enrolled and attending during the 2025 – 2026 academic year, the degree program you are pursuing, and the anticipated semester and year of graduation.

College or University Degree pursuing Anticipated Graduation Date

Check the box that applies to you.

Undergraduate Student: _____ **Graduate Student:** _____

Cumulative grade point average from most recent semester attended (based on a 4.0 scale) _____

☐ **Statement of Interest:** Submit a typewritten statement not to exceed two pages, double spaced, highlighting your reasons for pursuing a degree in urban and regional planning or community planning and your plans after graduation.

☐ **Resume:** Attach your resume.

Signature: _____
By my signature above, I submit this application and I confirm that I self-identify as Black

MAP staff will work with successful applicants to register scholarship winner for the conference, secure hotel room, and provide a stipend for transportation.