



## **Michigan Association of Planning 2025 OUTSTANDING STUDENT PROJECT AWARDS:** Descriptions, eligibility, and criteria

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**This award honors outstanding efforts by students that contribute to the advances in the field of planning. Class projects or papers by a single student or a group of students are recognized. The student or students must be enrolled either an undergraduate or graduate program. The Michigan Chapter of the American Planning Association (MAP) invites you to participate in celebrating the best of planning by nominating projects you think deserve such recognition.**

**Nominations for 2025 Planning Awards are now open.** The deadline for nominations is Friday, May 16, 2025 at 11:59 PM. Nomination packets must be complete.

**Members of the MAP Conference Committee, MAP staff, and MAP Board of Directors are not eligible to enter or to receive individual awards.**

### **How to Nominate an Entry**

The following details the steps it takes to submit a nomination for an award.

1. Identify the appropriate award category. Read the eligibility requirements to ensure your nomination satisfies the criteria.
2. Read the application form to learn what you will need to complete your nomination.
3. Use one form for each nomination you wish to enter. There is no limit on the number of nominations you may submit.

## **AWARD DESCRIPTION:**

The Outstanding Student Project Award recognizes outstanding projects such as, research papers, manuals, plans, apps, or videos by a student or group of students in planning programs that contribute to advances in the field of planning. This awards program is intended to recognize exceptional work by the student or group of students. While it is appropriate to submit a project or paper on which a faculty member(s) or supervisor(s) has given guidance, the project, plan, or paper should primarily be the work of the students.

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

A project may be submitted for an award more than once. However, if that project wins an award, it may not be submitted again. MAP encourages winners of this award to submit for the APA/AICP Student award.

1. A nomination for this award may be submitted by either:
  - The chair of a university planning or planning-related program,
  - A faculty member of a university planning or planning-related program, or
  - The duly elected or appointed Planning Student Organization (PSO) Student Representative of a program, or
  - If the student(s) worked on a project as part of an internship, the internship supervisor.
2. Student projects or student papers completed in the previous three years are eligible.

NOTE: Students, faculty, or supervisors from internships can prepare and submit nominations.

## **CRITERIA:**

This award is designed to acknowledge student projects that demonstrate excellence in the following areas:

*Innovation:* Originality of concept or appreciable refinement of existing techniques or procedures

*Transferability:* Potential application to other locations, projects, or areas of planning interest

*Quality:* Excellence of thought, analysis, writing, graphics, and character of presentation

*Implementation:* Effectiveness of the work (proposals have been carried out, show promise of being carried out, or demonstrate an effective implementation technique)

*Application:* Planning principles have been applied or observed, especially in considering a project's effects on other public objectives