



American Planning Association
New Urbanism Division

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Gina Tirinnanzi, AICP Memorial Scholarship 2015

Gina Tirinnanzi, AICP, was a founding member of the New Urbanism Division of the American Planning Association. Gina graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor's Degree in Landscape Architecture, which was followed by a Master's Degree in planning from George Washington University, where she discovered the still-young New Urbanism movement. During her career in both the public and private sectors, she had a passion for implementing the principles of New Urbanism on the site and neighborhood levels. Gina felt that New Urbanism was a critical component of urban planning and design, and she traveled extensively to study projects throughout the US and Europe. She served as a mentor to students and young professionals, and she helped to create the Division in order to make New Urbanism relevant and accessible to practicing planners. Fulfilling a personal goal to become a certified planner, Gina passed the AICP exam; she did this despite an ongoing battle with cancer that finally claimed her life in 2010. She left behind her husband, three daughters, and a passion for New Urbanism that this Division strives to equal.

In an effort to commemorate Gina's contribution to the Division and to further the Division's desire to spread the word about New Urbanism to our next generation of planners, we established the Gina Tirinnanzi Memorial Scholarship in 2011. Division leadership is renewing their commitment to student planners by offering this scholarship again, to be presented at the 2014 APA National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

Scholarship information

Summary: Applications are invited from students enrolled in PAB, NAAB, or LAAB-accredited programs (both bachelors and masters) and recent graduates from across the U.S. The \$500 scholarship will be awarded on the basis of a letter of recommendation from a faculty member and an original student paper or work. The original student submission should be 2,000 to 2,500 words and speak to practitioners about a substantive topic related to New Urbanism and planning.

Theme: Immigration/emigration and New Urbanism

The theme is not a requirement for submission, but those submissions that address the theme will receive additional points during the evaluation process.

Deadline for submittals: April 1, 2015

Detailed guidelines:

- **Must be a Student or New Planner member of APA and the division** no later than one month after the submittal deadline
- Must be a student or recent graduate of a PAB, NAAB, or LAAB-accredited program. Both Masters and Bachelors degree programs are acceptable.
- Submissions must be the original work of the author(s), primarily created during the enrollment as a student. Submittals should be approximately 2,000-2,500 words, in a format appropriate for publication in the division newsletter. Supporting graphics, photos, illustrations, etc. are permissible and encouraged.



- For fairness, these are not generally acceptable due to length, but summary of a thesis may be submitted.
- Similarly, videos and graphics-only presentations are not acceptable by themselves as they are not readily reproducible in print.
- Must submit a complete application package, including a recommendation from a faculty member
- Group submittals are acceptable, with the award amount split evenly among the authors
 - If submitted by a group, ALL authors must be division members
- Entries will be reviewed by a committee of NUD members and invited reviewers. Submittals will be evaluated on the amount of new research, applicability to the planning profession, relevance to the theme, technical merit, and creativity.

Detailed award descriptions:

- First place: **\$1000 scholarship** for education or travel, publication of the work in the New Urbanism in Practice newsletter, and the opportunity to present the project at the NUD annual meeting at the national conference
- Second place: publication in the New Urbanism in Practice newsletter, and the opportunity to present the project at the NUD annual meeting at the national conference
- Other entries may be held for future publication in the New Urbanism in Practice newsletter

Application requirements:

All of the following materials must be submitted by the deadline to constitute a complete scholarship application:

- Completed and signed application form (available on the Division website).
- A brief personal and background statement written by the student, describing their interest in a career in planning and describing what impact the student wants to make as a practicing planner. The statement should be no more than 400 words.
- One letter of recommendation in support of the student's application and career goals, written by a faculty member.
- Verification of student enrollment (for current students) or a copy of diploma (for New Planners) in/from a Planning Accreditation Board, National Architectural Accrediting Board, or Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board accredited program.
- The paper or work being submitted in pdf format. The paper or work should be marked with the authors' APA member number(s), but not name(s).
Please note, if awarded the scholarship, a text-only version and separate image files will need to be submitted in order to meet publication requirements.
- For group submissions, the group may submit one application form, personal statement, and faculty letter, but each group member must submit enrollment verification.

For questions regarding the scholarship application and submission requirements, please contact the scholarship coordinator Nathan Bilger, nbilger@townofwhiteland.com, or Division Chair Martin Scribner, m Scribner@pdkc.org.



Gina Tirinnanzi, AICP Memorial Scholarship 2014 - Application

Certification

I have examined the entire application and all documents attached. I certify that to the best of my ability, knowledge and belief that this Gina Tirinnanzi, AICP Memorial Scholarship application package is true and all representations herein are accurate statements of fact(s).

Name _____ Date _____

Date of Anticipated (or Past) graduation _____

Member of the New Urbanism Division? (circle one) Y / N

Signature of Applicant

Award Information

Please indicate how you learned about this program (check one):

APA Promotion APA Website School/University Office Facebook page Linked In

Other (please list): _____

Checklist

Please make sure all application documents are arranged in order as noted in the checklist, below.

Personal statement, up to 400 words

One letter of recommendation

Verification of student enrollment (for current students) or a copy of diploma

Original work for submittal, pdf format

Signature on Application

Deadline

The deadline for the Gina Tirinnanzi, AICP Memorial Scholarship 2015 is April 1st. All original application information must be received in electronic format by that date.

E-mail completed applications to:

Nathan Bilger, nbilger@townofwhiteland.com or Martin Scribner, mscribner@pdskc.org

Incomplete applications will not be reviewed by the Committee.