



Long Island Section of the
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**ARTHUR KUNZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR ATTENDANCE IN PERSON AT THE 2024 AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION (APA)
NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN MINNEAPOLIS**

Up to Three Scholarships are Available for New Professional Planners working on Long Island and Planning Students from Long Island for in-person attendance at the APA National Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 13–16, 2024

The **Long Island Section** of American Planning Association’s New York Metro Chapter is pleased to announce that we will be awarding up to three Arthur Kunz Memorial Scholarships for in-person attendance at the APA National Conference in April 2024. The scholarship awardees will receive up to \$2,000 for registration, one or more mobile workshops, and travel and accommodation expenses for attendance at the APA National Planning Conference that is being held in Minneapolis Minnesota from April 13 to April 16, 2024.

Arthur H. Kunz was a Long Island planner who was committed to preserving and enhancing Suffolk County by balancing its growth and development with environmental protection and played an integral part in Suffolk County’s development for almost 30 years. He worked for the Nassau County Planning Commission from 1958 to 1969. In 1969, he became Assistant Planning Director for the Suffolk County Department of Planning and became the Director in 1989. Arthur Kunz was a straightforward and highly regarded man whose planning knowledge, commitment to public service, and professionalism improved the quality of life in Suffolk County. The Arthur H. Kunz Memorial Library¹ was established within the offices of the Suffolk County Division of Planning and Environment as a repository for a wealth of resources including current and historical reports spanning a variety of planning-related topics. Mr. Kunz attended many APA National Conferences, during which he attended as many mobile workshops as possible and shared his experiences through slideshows. Since 1994, the Long Island Section has been awarding planning scholarships in his memory.

Eligible applicants for the 2024 scholarship, are:

- Long Island based entry to mid-level planners (eight or less years out of college or eight years or less in a professional planning position) are eligible for \$2,000, and
- Students from Suffolk or Nassau counties enrolled in a planning-related program (undergraduate or graduate studies) with the intention of returning to Long Island for employment upon graduation are eligible for \$1,500.

The scholarship is intended to cover most expenses related to the conference registration and attendance in at least one mobile workshop, plus the cost for APA membership for one year, and

¹ <https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Economic-Development-and-Planning/Planning-and-Environment/Research-and-Statistics/Arthur-H-Kunz-Library>



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a portion of lodging and travel expenses. Because Mr. Kunz believed in the value of seeing “planning in action,” each scholarship recipient is required to use a portion of the scholarship for participation in at least one mobile workshop – and to create a presentation to share at the annual Arthur Kunz Scholarship Breakfast, which is typically held in the spring or early summer following the conference.

If you are an entry to mid-level professional planner working on Long Island or a planning student (or in a related program of study) and are from Long Island and wish to apply for a scholarship to attend the 2024 APA National Conference, please send a **letter of interest** and a **copy of your resume** (consolidated into one PDF file preferred) to LI Section Treasurer Kathy Eiseman at keiseman@nelsonpopevoorhis.com with a copy to Sarah Sklar, Section Secretary, at ssklar@mnwe.com.

Your cover letter should include your specific areas of interest in the planning field, goals for your planning career specific to Long Island, and what you hope to gain from attendance at the National Conference and participation in a mobile workshop.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, January 19, 2023, at 5 pm.