



American Planning Association  
**California Chapter**  
**Sacramento Valley**

*Making Great Communities Happen*

**CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS AND YOUNG PLANNERS**  
**SCOT MENDE MEMORIAL FUND**  
**Sacramento Valley APA Section**

**Overview:**

The SVS APA Board of Directors is pleased to provide scholarships to students and young planners for attendance at the 2017 State Conference held in Sacramento. Funds for these scholarships is provided by the Scot Mende Memorial Fund. Scot was extraordinary planner devoted to mentoring young planners. We lost him in 2015. We are providing up to four scholarships each to deserving students and young planners (eight scholarships total).

**Costs:**

Student: \$150 for full conference (note: Saturday is free Student Day)  
\$50 one day rate  
Young Planner: \$375 for full conference if you qualify for the State Young Planner rate  
\$545 (early bird by June 24) or \$575 (by August 24) for full conference  
otherwise  
\$250 one day rate for Young Planner; \$350 one day for others

**Criteria:**

1. Some demonstration of financial need, verifying that your employer is not covering the costs.
2. Demonstration of your commitment to the planning profession and what you hope to gain from attending the conference. Participation in SVS APA activities is highly desired.
3. Verification that you are a member of Sacramento Valley APA Section.
4. Verification of APA membership. For students, a student membership is available. National APA has a new (free) student memberships structure starting July1, 2017. See <https://www.planning.org/join/students/>. For young planners, Chapter only memberships at a cost of \$115 is available.
5. Students to provide verification that they are enrolled in the fall at a university, and are majoring in planning or a planning-related field.

6. Young Planners to provide verification that they are less than 35 years old, or have less than five years in the planning profession. (Note: this is different criteria than the State for the Young Planner conference rate. If you do not qualify for the State Young Planner conference rate, then regular rates would apply).
7. Commitment to volunteer at the State Conference.
8. This is a one-time only scholarship per person.

**Application process:**

1. Fill out the attached application form, with a brief statement (250 words) articulating your commitment and what you hope to gain from the conference. A brief statement of financial need is also required.
2. A subcommittee of the SVS APA Board would review each application and decide on scholarship recipients. This is a competitive process.
3. For students, applications are due August 1, 2017.
4. For young planners, applications are due June 15, 2017, so we can take advantage of early bird conference rates.
5. SVS APA will coordinate with APA registration to pay for the scholarship directly to APA.
6. Send completed application form via email to Tricia Stevens at [tricias@surewest.net](mailto:tricias@surewest.net) . Please put "SVS APA Conference Scholarship" in subject line.