

# New Jersey County Planners Association George Ververides Honorary Scholarship

Application # \_\_\_\_\_

## Statement of History and Purpose

The NJ County Planners Association was founded on June 13, 1956, to allow county planners a forum to meet regularly to discuss matters of mutual concern. Association members include full-time professionals of NJ county planning agencies, with various partner agencies and organizations invited to attend and participate in meetings. Since its inception, the Association has strived to promote regional planning efforts, activities and programs, and to advance sound planning principles to help guide New Jersey into the future.

In 2021, the Association established this scholarship to honor one of its most active and celebrated members, George Ververides. George worked tirelessly for the Middlesex County Office of Planning for 59 years, beginning in 1961. George attained a bachelor's degree in Geography from Rutgers University and a master's degree in Regional Planning from Cornell University. He is a Professional Planner in the State of NJ, member of the American Planning Association, the American Institute of Certified Planners, and the Association of American Geographers. During his tenure at Middlesex County he also served on many regional boards and commissions and was at one time an adjunct professor at Rutgers University.

At the end of 2020, George retired from his position as Director of the Middlesex County Office of Planning, a title he held for 34 years. George had a tremendous impact on regional planning throughout his tenure and remained an active member of the Association until his retirement. To honor George's contributions and the indelible impression he has made on so many, the Association created this scholarship to assist future Professional Planners in pursuing their ambitions to advance the field of professional planning.

The Association is offering scholarships to either undergraduate students in their third and fourth years or those pursuing an advanced degree in planning-related studies. Scholarship funding for the current year totals \$1,000.00. The number of scholarships awarded, and the amount of monies awarded to each recipient, will be based on the number of selected applications, which will be considered by the designated Scholarship Committee. Funding will be awarded in October, for the Fall 2023 semester.

### **Eligibility/Application Process/Deadline:**

This scholarship is open to New Jersey residents entering their third or fourth year of undergraduate study or those pursuing an advanced degree at a New Jersey institution of higher learning, with a major in City/Urban, Community and Regional Planning, or a planning-related field with a plan to pursue professional planning as a career. Application forms are to be typed or answered in ink in legible handwriting. All information is for the confidential use of the Scholarship Committee and is subject to verification from other sources.

Please email a completed application package to the NJ County Planners Association at: njcpascholarship@gmail.com

\*\* All applications must be received by the close of business, Friday, September 1, 2023 \*\*

*Completed Application Packet:*

1. Application form (parts A, B, C, D of this form)
2. Resume
3. Current Academic Transcript
4. Two SEALED letters of recommendation from a professor of planning or a planning-related field, or a NJ-licensed professional planner
5. Essay response (part E of this form)

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**A. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name

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Home Address

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City, State & Zip Code

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Telephone where you can most readily be reached

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Email Address

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**B. CERTIFICATION (Signatures required below)**

I certify that the information provided in this application is true, complete and accurate, and that all statements and essays are my own work. A scholarship award may be denied or revoked if any information contained herein is found to be inaccurate. Any funds awarded WILL NOT BE RELEASED until proof of enrollment is received by the Association. Should I be selected for this scholarship, funds will be released upon verification of enrollment as required. All monies received will be put toward my education purposes only.

Name of Applicant (Please Print):

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Signature of Applicant:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Schools Attended (*include High School and/or secondary schools as appropriate*):

<i>Date Enrolled</i>	<i>Date Completed</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Course of Study</i>	<i>Diploma/Degree Awarded</i>

List college-related activities (student government, sports, publications, school-sponsored community service programs, student-faculty committees, arts, music, etc.). List in descending order of significance.

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List public service and community activities (homeless services, environmental protection/conservation, advocacy activities, work with religious organizations, community boards or commissions etc.). Do not repeat items listed previously. List in descending order of significance.

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List awards, scholarships, publications or special recognitions you have received. List in descending order of significance.

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Will your studies be full time or part time? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be employed in the planning profession while attending school? If so, where and please describe your employment activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Will that employment be full or part time? \_\_\_\_\_

Provide any additional information you feel is pertinent, related to your educational history or advancement:

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**D. FINANCIAL NEED**

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What is the anticipated cost to complete one semester? \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Tuition, room and board, books and supplies)

Are you expecting to receive any other financial assistance for this program? \_\_\_\_\_  
(If yes, complete the table below, using additional sheets as needed. Include scholarships, grants, and educational reimbursement from employers.)

<i>Award &amp; Sponsor</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Can this be renewed?</i>

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Provide any additional information you feel is relevant to your financial need:

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**E. ESSAY**

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In 650 words or less, what is the biggest planning-related issue facing New Jersey today, in your opinion, and how would you use your knowledge, education and experience to address the issue? Please attach your response to this application.