

Announcement – December 2, 2025

ARTHUR KUNZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE 2026 APA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Long Island Section of the American Planning Association's New York Metro Chapter is awarding at least two Arthur Kunz Memorial Scholarships to support in-person attendance at the 2026 APA National Conference in Detroit, Michigan, from April 25 to April 28, 2026.

Scholarship Details

Arthur H. Kunz was a dedicated Long Island planner who served Suffolk County for nearly 30 years, focusing on balanced development and environmental protection. Kunz attended numerous APA National Conferences, participating in mobile workshops and sharing what he learned – including annual slide shows with colleagues. The Arthur H. Kunz Memorial Library was established in Suffolk County to honor his legacy, and since 1994, scholarships have been awarded by the APA Long Island Section in his memory.

Awardees will receive funding to cover most conference-related expenses, including up to \$2,000 (for planners) or \$1,500 (for students) to support registration, one mobile workshop, travel, accommodation, and APA membership for one year.

Eligibility

- Long Island-based planners: Entry- to mid-level professionals with eight or fewer years of experience.
- Long Island students: Undergraduate or graduate students in planning-related fields who intend to work on Long Island post-graduation.

Scholarship Requirements

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 share their experience (in the form of a storyboard, video, or poster) during our annual Arthur Kunz Scholarship Breakfast, which is typically held in late spring or early summer following the conference. Recipients will have the option to collaborate with others on their presentations and to receive assistance from a planner on our Steering Committee.

How to Apply

To apply, please submit a letter of interest and resume (combined into one PDF) to Kathy Eiseman at keiseman@nelsonpopevoorhis.com with a copy to Sarah Sklar at sarah.sklar@gza.com. Please outline your planning interests, Long Island-specific career goals, and anticipated benefits of attending the APA National Conference.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, January 9, 2026, at 5 pm.