



2017 Gunnar Isberg Student Scholarship Process for Submittal

The Annual APA-Minnesota Chapter is excited to announce the call for submittals for the annual Gunnar Isberg Student Scholarship. This scholarship is given annually to a student pursuing an education at a school or university in the State of Minnesota in planning or a planning related field (such as land use, housing, transportation, public administration, etc.) in a degree program (undergraduate or graduate).

The scholarship recipient will be recognized at the APA-MN Annual Planning Conference on September 27-29, 2017 in Mankato, MN. The recipient will be notified ahead of time and asked to attend to accept. The process for submitting an application is detailed in the following pages. Please submit an application as follows:

1. A complete application is one PDF with:
 - Cover form (included on page two of this document)
 - Up to two pages responding to the review criteria outlined below for each award
 - Executive summary of the planning document/process. Do NOT include the full plan. A link can be included.
 - For the Gunnar Isberg Scholarship, enclose all supporting documentation, as listed in the judging criteria
2. Email one PDF to APA MN Administrators at mnapa@buffleheadweb.net.
3. **Deadline for the Gunnar Isberg Scholarship deadline is September 18th, 2017 by 5:00 p.m.**
4. Late and incomplete submissions will not be accepted.
5. If you have any questions about submitting, eligibility or evaluation criteria, please contact Stephanie Falkers (sfalkers@srfconsulting.com).

Thank you and the awards committee looks forward to receiving your application!

Gunnar Isberg Student Scholarship Description and Criteria

APA Minnesota is offering the opportunity for graduate and undergraduate students to apply for up to \$2,000 in scholarship funds available for use in 2017 or 2018. In order to qualify for the scholarship, the student must be pursuing an education at a school or university in the State of Minnesota in planning or planning related field (such as land use, housing, transportation, public administration, etc.) in a degree program (undergraduate or graduate).

Gunnar C. Isberg (1932-2003)

Education: Roosevelt University, Bachelor degree in Political Science, 1962
University of Illinois School of Law, 1964
University of Illinois, Bachelor degree in in Urban Planning, 1966¹

Gunnar C. Isberg was a mainstay in the Minnesota planning community for most of his career. He spent many years working in the public sector, including the Metropolitan Council, Dakota County, St. Paul, Rochester-Olmsted County, and the Metropolitan Waste Commission. Mr. Isberg also worked for private consulting firms, including SMSQ Consulting, IRC Planners, and Gunnar Isberg and Associates.

Mr. Isberg was active in his local communities and the State. He was elected to the Northfield City Council, and served on the Eagan Planning Commission, Southeastern Rural Initiatives, the energy-land use-transportation committee of the Minnesota League of Cities, the Governor's Committee on Land Use, and the energy and natural resources committee of the National League of Cities. He was a member of the American Planning Association and the Minnesota Planning Association, serving as vice-president of the Minnesota Planning Association, and president of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Planning Association.

Gunnar Isberg authored the book, "Local and Regional Planning in Minnesota" in 1975, with a second edition in 1980. This book was on the syllabus for most college planning courses in Minnesota for two decades. Mr. Isberg also contributed numerous articles to professional publications throughout his career.

The Gunnar Isberg Student Scholarship is awarded to undergraduate or graduate students pursuing an education at a school or university in the State of Minnesota in planning or planning related field. Review criteria include Excellence in Reputation, Excellence in Academic Achievement, Involvement in the Planning Field and Dedication to the Professional Organization outside of school. The scholarship was established by the Isberg family to recognize Mr. Isberg's devotion to planning. The scholarship is aptly named, as Mr. Isberg was passionate about the field of planning. He used his professional and volunteer positions, and his writings as an advocate for the profession, and to educate the public about planning.

Review Criteria for the Gunnar Isberg Scholarship Award

- **Excellence in Reputation (40 pts):** How do peers, co-workers, supervisors, and/or professors view the applicant? Are they highly regarded in all aspects of their life? Do they have specific examples of excellence to speak of regarding the student?
- **Excellence in Academic Achievement (30 pts):** How does the student epitomize excellence in their school work?

¹ Source: <http://prabook.com/web/person-view.html?profileId=294521>

- **Involvement in the Planning Field (20 pts):** Does the applicant make efforts to gain experience in the field and contribute to planning processes and ideas either in an internship, job, or on a volunteer basis? Does the student contribute to the field through academic research, newsletter or paper articles? Are they active in community-level planning efforts?
- **Dedication to the Professional Organization outside of school (10 pts):** Is the student a member of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Planning Association? Have they been active in APA-Minnesota Chapter or National APA?

The scholarship is competitive and is reviewed by the APA-MN Executive Board. The following items must be submitted:

- Cover letter stating how you fit the criteria of the Gunner Isberg Scholarship.
- Proof of enrollment (copy of tuition receipt or current registration card).
- Most recent transcript (copy or original accepted).
- Letter of recommendation from a professor or job supervisor.



**2017 Gunnar Isberg Scholarship
Nomination Form**
Minnesota Chapter, American Planning Association

Submission Deadline: September 18, 2017 5:00 P.M.

Name	
University Currently Enrolled In:	
Expected Major:	
Expected Graduation Date:	

Submission Checklist:

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- Proof of enrollment (copy of tuition receipt or current registration card)
- Most recent transcript (copy or original accepted)
- Letter of recommendation from a professor or job supervisor