International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) – USA
Cascade Chapter
2015-2016 Scholarship Application – Portland State University

Cascade Chapter of IAP2 USA is providing a $2,500 scholarship to support graduate students in Public Administration, Urban and Regional Planning, Public Policy, or related fields and with a career interest in public participation for decision-making.

To apply you must:
1. Present evidence that you are admitted/enrolled full time as a graduate student in good academic standing.
2. Demonstrate high academic achievement with a minimum 3.0 GPA.
3. Be a resident of the United States.
4. Complete the application form.
5. Write a 500 word maximum essay in response to the Essay Statement.

Your complete scholarship application must be delivered to Robin Michell, Assistant Dean for Finance and Administration, College of Urban and Public Affairs (dean's office located in URBN 750) or via email: rmichell@pdx.edu.

**Applications must be RECEIVED by Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 5 p.m.**

If you are awarded the scholarship, you also will receive a one-year membership in IAP2 USA which affords admittance to many IAP2 USA and IAP2 Cascade Chapter events, trainings, and webinar learning sessions at member costs.

Additionally you will be asked to provide one update on your activities and studies as it relates to public participation either by conference call, in person, or video conference (if available) during an IAP2 Cascade Chapter event (schedule to be mutually agreed upon.) You also will be asked how the Chapter can support students interested in public participation as a career.

Applications will be reviewed by a Cascade Chapter Scholarship Review Committee. A round of interviews may be requested of top three applicants (which may be conducted in person or via Skype.) Notice of award will be made by June 1. Applicants not awarded a scholarship also will be notified.

For more information on IAP2 USA: [www.iap2usa.org](http://www.iap2usa.org)
For information on IAP2 Cascade Chapter: [www.facebook.com/iap2cascade](http://www.facebook.com/iap2cascade)
International Association for Public Participation (IAP2)

IAP2 is an association of members who see to promote and improve the practice of public participation in relation to individuals, governments, institutions, and other entities that affect the public interest across the world. IAP2 carries out its mission by organizing and conducting activities which:

- Serve the learning needs of members through events, publications, and communication technology;
- Advocate for public participation throughout the world;
- Promote a results-oriented research agenda and use research to support educational and advocacy goals; and
- Provide technical assistance to improve public participation.

IAP2 was founded in 1990 as the International Association of Public Participation Practitioners (IAP3) to respond to the rising global interest in public participation. The initial mission was to promote the values and best practices associated with involving the public in government and industry decisions that potentially affect their lives. The founding members assembled a Board of Directors, developed by-laws and policies, and organized the first annual conference in Portland, Oregon in 1992. Practitioners, both professional and volunteer, were identified as the primary constituents for membership.

The organization quickly grew and broadened its focus to include anyone involved in public participation. In 1996, the organization changed its name to IAP2 to reflect the growing diversity and inclusiveness of the membership. In 1999, IAP2 launched the Certificate Training Course in Public Participation – providing comprehensive training in the tools and skills needed for effective public participation and community engagement.

Today, IAP2 is an association of affiliates around the world. Major affiliates include IAP2 USA, IAP2 Canada, and IAP2 Australia. Other affiliates are located in South Africa, Indonesia, France, and Italy.

The Cascade Chapter of IAP2 USA is the most active in the United States with members from private practices in public engagement, public policy facilitation, and mediation to government and non-profit practitioners addressing a broad range of issues. Cascade Chapter hosts networking and educational gatherings, convenes PI Works every two years drawing regional practitioners to improve skills, and provides opportunity to mentor those interested in improving the connections between stakeholders and decisions that may affect them.
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Name: _________________________________      PSU ID#:____________________

Current Address:___________________________________________________________

Email Address: _____________________________ Phone Number: ______________

U.S. Citizen __ (If other, please specify: _____________________________)

Program of Study:_________________________________________________________

Current Overall GPA:___________

Three References:

1. _____________________________________________________________________
2. _____________________________________________________________________
3. _____________________________________________________________________

Include your current resume in the Application Package.

Essay Statement

To apply for the scholarship please submit an essay (up to 500 words) that describes:

• Your knowledge of, and experience in, public participation
• Why you are attracted to the field of public participation
• Your plans for pursuing a career or research in the field of public participation (or how public participation will play an important role in your chosen career path)
• How this scholarship will benefit your plans.