



**Student Essay Contest - Indigenous, Remote, Rural or Northern Planning
Application Form
Deadline: 3:00 PM March 16, 2023**

The Alberta Professional Planners Institute is proud to host an essay contest for students in the realm of “Indigenous, Remote, Rural, and Northern Planning.” APPI may award one (1) \$1,500 award for the 2023 year, to be used to further the applicant’s education. The recipient will have the opportunity to have their essay published in PLAN North West, and those that pursue this opportunity will be required to submit a biography to accompany their published article as a means of introducing themselves to the PLAN North West audience.

APPI is committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion. Those individuals who identify as First Nations, Inuit, Métis, LGBTQ2S+, persons with disabilities, women and other equity deserving groups, are encouraged to apply for this award.

Applicant: _____
(Surname) (Given Name)

Contact Information:

(Street, City, Province, Postal Code)

(Phone) (Email address)

Eligibility Criteria:

- Students must be entering or enrolled in an undergraduate or master’s degree program at a post-secondary institution in Alberta, Nunavut or Northwest Territories. Students completing their final year in 2023 are eligible to apply.
- Students may be enrolled in an accredited planning program, an unaccredited planning program, or a planning related field of study such as: urban, rural, environmental recreation, land use, or another program of study or design.
- Student essay contest applicants do not have to be APPI Student members to apply for this award.
- Student essay contest applicants do not have to self-identify and/or reside in an Indigenous, Remote, Rural or Northern Community. This award is intended cultivate an interest and further study in this realm of planning which is of paramount relevance in the APPI jurisdiction.

Essay Topics:

Written submissions shall be between 600 – 800 words on ONE of the following themes:

Option A: Describe an existing or emerging planning topic relevant to Indigenous, remote, rural, or northern communities. Check Here _____

- Outline your topic and its relevancy to Indigenous, remote, rural, or northern communities.
- Suggest why planners should be aware of this topic and how it impacts planning in these communities.
- Use data, case studies, research, or personal experiences to support your discussion.



Option B: Describe your interest and what drives your interest in Indigenous, remote, rural, or northern communities. Check Here _____

- Highlight your passion for planning and your interest in Indigenous, remote, rural, or northern communities.
- Describe any relevant personal, professional, or volunteer experiences that showcase your understanding and appreciation for these communities.
- Outline your educational and professional goals as related to these communities.

Make a submission for only ONE of the Options. Essays must be original and unpublished.

Evaluation:

Essays will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Relevancy and Connection to Indigenous, remote, rural, or northern planning (30%)
- Innovation and Originality (30%)
- Analysis and Exploration of the topic (30%)
- Readability - language, grammar, structure, etc. (10%)

Education:

I hereby certify that _____ is enrolled full time in the _____ Degree Program in the Department of _____ at the _____ for the academic year 20____.

(Signature of Program Head)

(Date)

Submission Requirements:

Submissions are restricted to the following items and must be provided in one pdf file via email to the APPI office at admin@albertaplanners.com with the file name: FirstLastNameESSAY for example: VHACKLESSAY

1. Completed application form.
2. The most recent university transcript or student record (to confirm student status).
3. A written essay, between 600 – 800 words, on your chosen topic/option.

Declaration:

I hereby certify that all information provided is accurate at the time of application.

Signature _____ Date _____

Only the Award recipients will be contacted. Results will posted [APPI Student Scholarships and Awards | Alberta Professional Planners Institute \(albertaplanners.com\)](#)