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APPI Announces One-Time Expansion to 30 Student Education Scholarships for 2026

APPI is pleased to announce a significant one-time enhancement to this program. For the 2026 awards cycle, the number of Student Education Scholarships will be increased to thirty (30) scholarships, demonstrating the Institute's strong commitment to recognizing and supporting students pursuing planning-related education.

Each year, the Alberta Professional Planners Institute (APPI) celebrates the academic achievement, leadership, and commitment of students enrolled in post-secondary institutions who have an interest in planning as a profession. The program is designed to encourage the next generation of professional planners and to help reduce financial barriers to education. The 2026 Student Scholarships and Awards Call for Submissions was originally released on December 18, 2025, based on the awarding of up to four (4) Student Education Scholarships, each valued at \$2,000. These scholarships are intended to provide financial assistance for tuition, research, books, or other academic expenses.

“Supporting students is an investment in the future of the planning profession,” said Erik Backstrom, APPI President. “Through our scholarships and awards program, APPI is proud to recognize student excellence and help aspiring planners succeed in their academic and professional journeys.”

The deadline for all scholarship and award submissions is 12:00 PM (noon) on Thursday, February 26, 2026.

Submission details and evaluation criteria are outlined on the application forms, available through the [APPI Student Scholarships and Awards](#) webpage. Students are encouraged to review eligibility requirements and submit their applications online.

Enquiries regarding the APPI Student Scholarships and Awards program may be directed to admin@albertaplanners.com.

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