



2021 APA Ohio Planning Awards Call for Nominations

Our biennial awards program honors outstanding planning and planning leadership in Ohio, recognizing the highest levels of achievement. This is an opportunity to highlight the best and brightest plans, projects, and people in Ohio.

Please join us in celebrating planning accomplishments across Ohio.

Nominations for the 2021 APA Ohio Planning Awards are now being accepted.
The deadline for nominations is **July 1, 2021 @ 5:00PM.**

Award nominations may be submitted in one or more of the following categories:

- ✦ Best Practice Award
- ✦ Because We Plan Award
- ✦ Comprehensive Plan | Large Jurisdiction
- ✦ Comprehensive Plan | Small Jurisdiction
- ✦ Planning Student(s) Showcase
- ✦ The Allor Planning Champion Award
- ✦ The Norman Krumholz Equity Award

Best Practice Award

For development or application of a specific planning tool, practice, program or process. This category demonstrates how innovative and state-of-the-art planning methods and practices help create communities of lasting value. Examples include applications of technology, codes, policies, design guidelines, handbooks, community engagement strategies, etc.

Because We Plan Award

For an existing built project of unusually high merit dealing with a focused subject such as economic development, environment, housing, preservation, transportation, urban design, etc.

Comprehensive Plan | Large Jurisdiction

For a comprehensive plan of unusually high merit completed by, for, or within an Ohio jurisdiction with a Census population of 100,000 or more.

Comprehensive Plan | Small Jurisdiction

For a comprehensive plan of unusually high merit completed by, for, or within an Ohio jurisdiction with a Census population of less than 100,000.

Planning Student(s) Showcase

To recognize a student or group of students in an Ohio undergraduate or graduate planning curriculum, individually or collectively, for excellence on a particular scholarly or community service project.

The Allor Planning Champion Award

To recognize an Ohio citizen, elected official or planner for outstanding achievement and contribution in promoting the principles of planning and the planning process; for ongoing support of and advocacy for planning; and/or for distinguished service on local planning and zoning boards/ commissions. Nominations should address how the nominee's achievements and actions furthered the cause of planning.

David Joseph Allor was a professor of urban planning and head of the School of Planning at the University of Cincinnati. He began teaching at UC in 1976 and rose to the position of Director of the School of Planning in 1989. He was president and trustee of the Ohio Planning Conference (now APA Ohio), helped establish the Ohio Planning Foundation, and wrote the Planning Commissioners Guide. His numerous awards and honors include Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP) and the American Planning Association Distinguished Service Award. He was also a Senior Fulbright research scholar.

The Allor Planning Champion Award memorializes his advocacy for educating citizen planners and the general public about planning, as well as for the countless hours he spent helping to train local planning commissions, often in jurisdictions that could not afford to hire a professional planner. He was a trusted mentor to many of his students as well as other planners in Cincinnati and throughout the region. Professor Allor continued to champion the practice of planning up to his untimely death at the age of 56 in April 2000.

The Norman Krumholz Equity Award

To recognize a person, policy or community engagement process which exemplifies the professional ideas of Mr. Krumholz a life-long champion of equity in planning and human betterment. Nominations should address how the achievements and actions further the cause of equity in planning and set new standards and/or push boundaries around the subject of equity.

Norman Krumholz was a Professor in the Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University until his death in 2019 at the age of 92. Prior to this, he served as a planning practitioner in Ithaca, Pittsburgh, and Cleveland. He served as Planning Director of the City of Cleveland from 1969-1979 under Mayors Carl B. Stokes, Ralph J. Perk, and Dennis Kucinich. He served as the President of the American Planning Association (1986-1987) and in 1999 served as the President of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). He was awarded the Prize of Rome in 1987 by the American Academy in Rome, received the APA Award for Distinguished Leadership in 1990 and was appointed an AICP fellow (FAICP) from the American Planning Association. He has been published in many professional journals and authored several books including the model for progressive planning, *Making Equity Planning Work: Leadership in the Public Sector*. Norm, as friends and colleagues called him, made the term equity planning popular. It stood for a new branch of progressive planning that proposed to radically challenge the boundaries limiting what professionals in government can and should do. He remained a strong optimist and advocate until his last days.

The Norman Krumholz Equity Award memorializes his advocacy for the poor and powerless in our communities. A strong civil rights advocate, he understood the need for planners in government to work strategically with communities of color and grass roots movements.

Submission Schedule & Guidelines

- APA Ohio Planning Awards schedule:
 - **July 1, 2021 @ 5:00PM** Nominations due
 - **August 23, 2021** Award winners notified
 - **October TBD** Awards presented [virtual]
- A completed online form and supporting documentation for each nomination is required for review. Only digital nominations submitted according to the procedures in this call will be accepted.
- All submissions become the property of APA Ohio. No submissions will be returned.
- The APA Ohio Planning Awards Committee will review all nominations for eligibility requirements and evaluation criteria. Submissions that do not meet the minimum submission requirements shall be ruled ineligible and discarded. The committee may reassign submissions to another appropriate award category.
- The awards will be juried by a committee of members from another chapter of APA.
- The committee may award co-winners and honorable mentions to nominations that the committee deems deserving. The committee is not obligated to select award winners in every category.
- Awards will be presented virtually during the APA Ohio Statewide Planning Conference (SPC21), to be held during the month of October.
- The APA Ohio Awards Committee procedures prohibit communicating individually to any other committee or jury member on behalf of a nominee; such communication is grounds for disqualification.

Eligibility

- Only the following entities are eligible to submit nominations for an award:
 - Members of the Ohio Chapter of the American Planning Association
 - The head of an accredited, recognized planning degree program at an Ohio college or university
- Nominations may be for your own work or the work of others.
- Any nominated comprehensive plan, focused planning project, focused built project, best practice or planning student project must have been completed after August 1, 2019.
- An award will not be given to the same project more than once.
- While it is appropriate for students to submit a project or paper on which a faculty member has given guidance, the topic, analysis, proposal, recommendations, or graphics should be primarily the work of the student(s).
- Members of the APA Ohio Board of Trustees may not receive leadership or citizen awards during his or her term.
- Members of the APA Ohio Awards Committee are not eligible for any awards during the year in which they serve on the committee.

Selection Criteria

- **Innovation:** Projects should demonstrate creative problem solving by using an innovative approach to the issues related to the project.
- **Transferable:** Projects should be useful models for other planning professionals. The ability of the project to demonstrate appropriate, applicable solutions to common issues and to illustrate successful planning processes will be important.
- **Quality:** Projects should be well presented. Graphic and written materials should be clear, accurate and should communicate the ideas of the plan successfully.
- **Implementation:** Plans should include implementation strategies that are applicable to the context of the plan and be realistic and achievable.
- **Comprehensive:** Plans should address all of the issues relevant to the project. They should encompass, as appropriate, all of the elements of a planning process and all of the variables that will impact the plan's success.
- **Relevance:** Projects and plans should provide a historical summary outline of issues and problems that led to the development creation of the plan/project.
- **Interactive:** The extent to which decision makers and the general public were involved to resolve conflicts where they existed will be examined.

Required Nomination Materials

- **Nomination Form:** Please complete the online nomination form located at www.ohioplanning.org/awards. The information requested in this form includes:
 - **Nominee Information**
 - **Project Information**
 - **Nomination Summary:** Provide a short summary of the award nomination in the space provided in the online form [500 words maximum].
 - **Selection Criteria:** Include a narrative of how the nominated project/person meets each of the applicable category and selection criteria in the space provided in the online form [1500 words maximum].
- **Nomination Documentation:** Please upload the information requested below to a Dropbox folder or other file sharing service and enter the link to that Dropbox folder in the space provided in the nomination form. The Awards Committee will retrieve the files from your Dropbox folder for judging.¹
 - **Project Report:** Submit the relevant project report, plan, class project, C.V., etc.
 - **Photos:** Include up to 10 photos in JPEG format. Please include as high a resolution as possible, as images will be used in award presentations and may be used in future printed materials.
 - **Letters of Support/Recommendation:** Include up to four (4) letters of support or recommendation for your nomination.
 - **Media Coverage:** Include PDF documents of up to five (5) instances of media coverage.

Please label files clearly with the project name and document (e.g., Project Name Report, Project Name _Photo1, Project Name _Letter1, etc.) before uploading to the Dropbox file. The Dropbox file should also be clearly labeled with the project name

Questions

Questions may be directed to Awards Committee Chair Matt Schmidt, AICP at matt.t.schmidt@gmail.com.

¹A free Dropbox account may be created online at www.dropbox.com . Create a folder named with the project name and upload the appropriate files. Click the “share” button to the right of the folder and select the “send link” option to copy the link to your folder. Enter the link into the online nomination form. Please confirm that your link works before submitting the form.