



## JARED ELLIS MEMORIAL AWARD

*Cincinnati Section of the Ohio Chapter*

The **Jared Ellis Memorial Award** was created to honor the life and work of Jared Ellis. Jared was first a caring, loyal, and kind friend who shared his energy and laughter with us every day. He had a zest for life that was unmatched. Jared was also a tremendous public servant who was proud to serve Cincinnati, the city and community he called home, as a City Planner for the City of Cincinnati. Jared loved his chosen career path and inspired his co-workers, peers, and the communities he worked in.

This award was created to help further the career goals of those pursuing City and Regional Planning in the Cincinnati metropolitan area.

### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

#### Eligible applicants include:

- *City, Community, and/or Regional Planning, Urban Studies, Public Administration, or other planning-related course of study undergraduate or graduate students studying or working in the Cincinnati metropolitan area*
- *Recent graduates (within 5 years of graduation) and/or early professional planners (0-5 years experience) pursuing work or working in the Cincinnati metropolitan area*

### ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

#### Eligible expenses include but are not limited to:

- Tuition and/or course materials (books, studio supplies, etc.)
- Software subscriptions (Adobe Creative Cloud, ESRI products, website hosting platforms, etc.)
- AICP Exam fees and/or study materials
- American Planning Association (APA) membership dues
- Fees for conferences or other professional development opportunities
- Other events, projects, or initiatives that would further the planning career goals of the applicant (Please specify below)

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### MAXIMUM GRANT REQUEST

The award amount maximum is **\$500.00**. Half is disbursed after successful application, half at completion of project/proposal.

### FINAL REPORT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Upon completion of the work for which the grant has been given, the recipient is expected to complete a financial accounting of what was accomplished.

### APPLICATION DUE DATE

Monday, February 16, 2026 - Please submit application to: [jaredellismemorial@gmail.com](mailto:jaredellismemorial@gmail.com)

More information may be found here: [www.ohioplanning.org/JaredEllis](http://www.ohioplanning.org/JaredEllis)



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### ***APPLICATION***

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**Full Name:**

**Address:**

**Email:**

**Phone Number:**

**Amount Requested:**

*(The maximum amount is \$500.00)*

**1 | Please discuss your proposed usage and goals for the funds.**

*(Maximum of 500 characters)*

**2 | Please explain why the funds are necessary to achieve the stated usage and goals.**

*(Maximum of 500 characters)*



**3 | Please explain how you embody *three (3)* or more of the following qualities that defined Jared Ellis.**

- *Passion for building better places and communities*
- *A positive attitude towards challenges*
- *Superior communication skills*
- *A commitment to public service*
- *Leadership and consensus building skills*
- *Commitment to community*
- *Humor and uniqueness*

*(Maximum of 500 characters)*

**4 | What is your favorite Little Debbie Snack and why?**

*(Maximum of 200 characters | <https://www.littledebbie.com/www>)*