

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

More information may be found here: www.ohioplanning.org/JaredEllis

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APPLICATION

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>)