

FINANCIAL PLANNING ASSOCIATION (FPA) OF MARYLAND

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION AWARD APPLICATION

The Financial Planning Association® (FPA) is an organization that fosters the value of financial planning and advances the financial planning profession. FPA's strategy to accomplish its objectives involves welcoming everyone who advances the financial planning process. FPA of Maryland has established the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award to continue the mission of raising awareness and promoting inclusiveness of diverse communities that have traditionally been underrepresented within the financial planning profession.

Who is eligible to apply for this scholarship?

- Financial professionals & students, including FPA & Non-FPA members, who demonstrate the desire to affect change and diversity within the financial planning profession.

Some ways that applicants have demonstrated their commitment to diversity, equity & inclusion:

- Raising awareness of the profession in diverse communities,
- Passion for building financial literacy in underrepresented communities,
- Membership to an organization(s) that provides financial services to diverse communities,
- Serving diverse communities directly through a financial planning practice,
- Increasing professional opportunities for diverse communities within the financial planning profession; or
- Willingness to bring ideas/contribute to Diversity, Equity & Inclusion efforts of the local FPA chapter.

Scholarship awardee will receive:

- One year of FPA membership
- Sponsorship to attend FPA Annual Conference in 2023 (includes conference registration fees, but the costs of meals, travel, and lodging are not included)
- Invitation to FPA of Maryland Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee meetings to collaborate and share ideas around DE&I initiatives
- Invitation to one FPA of Maryland Board meeting to discuss DE&I opportunities with the chapter leadership

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ *State: MD Zip Code: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Are you currently an FPA member? Yes No

Race: American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American Hispanic or Latino

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander White Other

Gender: Male Female Non-Binary Prefer not to answer

Kindly answer the following questions (500-word limit for each):

1) *How are you currently promoting, or plan to promote, diversity and inclusion in your profession and/or as an organization member?*

2) *Why do you think it is important to promote diversity and inclusion in the financial planning community?*

Please submit completed applications via email to chapteradmin@fpamd.org
Application deadline: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 5PM EST

**must be a Maryland resident*