

# FINANCIAL PLANNING ASSOCIATION (FPA) OF MARYLAND DIVERSITY & INCLUSION SCHOLARSHIP 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 and Inclusion Scholarship to continue the mission of raising awareness and promote inclusiveness of diverse communities 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 & 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 with financial planning,
- Increasing professional opportunities for diverse communities within the financial planning profession; or
- Willingness to bring ideas/contribute to Diversity & Inclusion efforts of the local FPA chapter.

Scholarship awardee will receive:

- One year of FPA membership
- Sponsorship to attend FPA Annual Conference in 2021 or 2022 (awardee's choice; includes conference registration fees, but the costs of meals, travel, and lodging are not included)
- Invitation to FPA of Maryland Diversity & Inclusion Committee meetings to collaborate and share ideas around D&I initiatives
- Invitation to one FPA of Maryland Board meeting to discuss D&I opportunities with the chapter leadership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently an FPA member?  Yes  No

Race:  American Indian  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](mailto:chapteradmin@fpamd.org)  
**Application deadline: Monday, May 17, 2021 at 12PM EST**