**Holzheimer Memorial Student Scholarship for Economic Development Planning - $2,000 award for Master’s level planning students. Deadline is February 12, 2016.**

On behalf of the APA's Economic Development Division, I would like to notify you about a scholarship opportunity for students interested in economic development – the *Holzheimer Memorial Student Scholarship for Economic Development Planning*. Though applications for the 2016 scholarship are not due until February 12, we encourage early submissions at any time. If you know of strong projects by Master's level students who are enrolled in or recently graduated from PAB-accredited planning programs in the US, please encourage them to apply.

The scholarship, once called the Economic Development Division Travel Scholarship, has been renamed in memory of longtime APA member and economic development visionary, Dr. Terry Holzheimer of Arlington County, Virginia and Virginia Tech. The $2,000 award is a scholarship provided by the APA’s Economic Development Division. Winners are encouraged but not required to use the award money to support attendance at the national APA meeting in the spring. The application materials should include an original student paper or work that is 2,500 words or less, as well as a submission form, which must include the name and email address of a faculty member willing to speak to the applicant’s abilities. *The submission form will replace the letter of recommendation that was required in past years.*

Due to the word limit, submissions may reflect adaptations of student work, including term papers, capstone and studio projects. The original student submission should speak to practitioners about a substantive topic related to economic development in the United States. We strongly encourage students to think broadly about the topic of economic development. The winning paper or project will satisfactorily demonstrate the following: topical relevance to economic development practitioners with a clear discussion of why practitioners should care about the findings; soundness of data collection and methods; quality writing; student authorship; and originality and creativity.

*The committee reserves the right to withhold the award should no submissions comply with these criteria.*

The winner will be notified by February 26, 2016 and the scholarship will be presented at APA's National Planning Conference in Phoenix, April 2-5, 2016.

The paper will also be published on the Economic Development Division website and distributed electronically to division members.

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