

# APA TEXAS CHAPTER

## *Call for Planning Awards*



American Planning Association  
**Texas Chapter**  
*Making Great Communities Happen*

### Description

The American Planning Association - Texas Chapter has a long history of recognizing individuals, organizations, and communities for exemplary contributions to planning through the Chapter's Annual Planning Awards Program. Any individual, organization, developer, or consulting firm involved in planning in Texas may participate. The categories are:

- **Comprehensive Plan Award** - Given to an outstanding Comprehensive Plan addressing the development of an area, town, city, county, or region (no more than 2 awards).
- **Planning Project Award** - Given to an outstanding plan, or study concerning a specific project (public or private), area, system, or issue within a town, city, county, or region (no more than 3 awards).
- **Current Planning Award** - Given to an outstanding ordinance, program, or process directed to the implementation of a plan (no more than 3 awards).
- **Student Project Award** - Given in recognition of a research or planning project by an individual or team of students in an accredited graduate planning program (no more than 2 awards).
- **Journalism Award** - Given to a Texas newspaper, magazine, or TV station for a story/series on Texas Planning (1 award).
- **Planning Official Award** - For an outstanding appointed and elected planning official that has made an outstanding contribution to planning (2 awards). Nominations can include, but are not limited to, P&Z Commissioners, City Council members, and State Representatives. If no nominations are received, the Chapter Executive Committee may provide recommendation(s) to the Awards Committee. This award category does not require an application fee.
- **Community of the Year** - Given to a town, city, or county for providing an outstanding contribution to planning (1 award). If no nominations are received, the Chapter Executive Committee may provide recommendation(s) to the Awards Committee.

The following award categories are also part of the Texas Chapter Planning Awards Program, but are decided on by the Chapter Executive Committee, Chapter Historian, and Chapter President:

- **Texas Chapter Award** - Given by the Chapter Executive Committee to an individual or group from outside the planning profession (1 award).
- **Planning Legend Award** - Given by the Chapter Executive Committee and the Chapter Historian to a practicing or retired planner who has made a significant impact on Texas planning (1 award).
- **Chapter President's Award** - The APA-Texas Chapter President will present this award to an individual of his/her choice, based on outstanding service to the planning profession (1 award).

*Honorable Mention Awards may be given by the Awards Committee. No more than one such award shall be given in each category.*

Learn more at:

**[txplanning.org/planning-awards/](http://txplanning.org/planning-awards/)**

**Nominations  
Close July 13  
at 11:59PM**

### **Requirements**

Nominated plans, projects, programs, and studies must have been completed within five years of the nomination submittal date. For the Comprehensive Plan, Project, and Current Awards, the award recipient shall be the client(s) for whom the planning activity was conducted. A nomination must be made by an APA Texas member.

Application Fee of \$100.00 is required for all award categories *excluding the Planning Official Award*.

**Nominations will close on July 13, 2018 at 11:59PM. All submissions are non-refundable.**

### **Texas Chapter Awards Committee**

The Executive Committee of the APA-Texas Chapter has appointed an Awards Committee responsible for conducting the awards program. All awards shall be made at the sole discretion of the Awards Committee, except the Chapter President's Award, Legends Award, and Texas Chapter Award. The Awards Committee is made up of representatives from the nine regional Sections of APA-Texas. Awards Committee members must recuse themselves from voting on the entire project category if there is a conflict of interest.

### **Award Evaluation Criteria**

*Award Categories: Comprehensive Planning, Planning Project, Current Planning, and Student Project Awards*

- Originality and Innovation
- Engagement
- Implementation and Effectiveness
- Quality
- Promotion of Planning

*Award Categories: Journalism and Planning Official Awards*

- Impact on the nominee's community and the planning profession

*Award Category: Community of the Year*

- Planning accomplishments and successes in the community and the increased awareness of planners and planning

Award honorees will be notified by the APATX Chapter President and will be invited to attend the Chapter Awards Luncheon on Friday, October 19, 2018 in Galveston, Texas.

**Questions? Contact Awards Committee Chair Claire Hempel at [texasawards@apatexas.org](mailto:texasawards@apatexas.org)**

## **SUBMIT AWARD NOMINATIONS VIA ZOOMGRANTS**

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