



P.C.S.E. Scholarship Application

PCSE Mission Statement:

Planners of Color for Social Equity (PCSE) promotes critical thinking and grassroots activism that translates into socially just planning. PCSE serves as a support system for all students who wish to raise awareness of socially just planning on campus and within our communities. Our group provides a safe space for students of all colors, creeds, nationalities, and educational backgrounds to critically and strategically think about how they can improve the quality of life of marginalized communities. PCSE provides academic and emotional health support, including activities that encourage community engagement and foster professional development. Our organization advocates for curriculum and faculty that provide students with the analysis and tools to engage in solutions towards institutionalizing social justice.

The goals of the PCSE scholarship are:

1. Support the development of conscious planners from diverse communities
2. Invest in leadership development based on a holistic perspective not solely on academic achievement.
3. Strengthen and sustain PSCE for future generations of urban planning students

Eligibility: All incoming urban planning students are eligible to apply to the PSCE scholarship. Second year urban planning students are eligible, if they have participated in more than 2 PCSE meetings/events.

Summary: The PCSE Scholarship Application consists of (1) personal essay (10 pts) and (2) Interview (20 points). The selection committee will review the personal essays, select the top 10 candidates and conduct a short interview with the top ten candidates. The two highest scoring candidates will be awarded a scholarship.

Required Volunteer Hours: Candidates should be made aware that each scholarship recipient will do a minimum of **four (4) volunteer hours for PCSE during the Spring and Winter quarters**. Due to the Fall Quarter schedule, the recipients will be allowed to do 2 volunteer hours during this quarter. Recipients will submit a volunteer hours form signed off by a current PCSE Co-chair certifying the hours completed to the PCSE scholarship selection committee.

Fall Quarter (2016)	Minimum (2 hours)
Winter Quarter (2016-2017)	Minimum (4 hours)
Spring (2017)	Minimum (4 hours)

Fullfilling Volunteer Hours- The recipients chosen for the scholarship can fulfill the volunteer hours in a variety of ways: help organize events, recruit volunteers, create flyers, pick up food for a PCSE event, etc. In extreme circumstances where the recipient may not be able to fulfill these volunteer hours, a written submittal (1 page) should be provided to the PSCE selection Committee explaining why the committed hours could not be fulfilled.

Application Submission Instructions: Please submit the application as one PDF. Include page 4 of the application as your cover sheet. When submitting the application please write on the subject line: PSCE Scholarship-FIRST NAME, LAST NAME (1st or 2nd Year). Submit your PCSE scholarship application to the following email address: pcse.scholarship@gmail.com by no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 26, 2016.

1. Personal Essay: The personal essay should demonstrate the incoming student's commitment to being a socially conscious planner.

Format: The essay will have a limit of 650 words (double spaced), please use 11 point size font.

Essay Question: How have you overcome obstacles related to health, family, social, educational or economic disadvantages. How have these obstacles impacted your view of planning and your own motivation to become a equitable planner? How have you worked to advance social equity and justice for disadvantaged communities?

Scoring: Candidates will be graded on a 1-10 scale for the essay portion with 10 being the highest score.

2. PCSE Scholarship Interview:

In effort to determine the best qualified candidate for the scholarship a short interview will take place between the top 10 candidates and the PCSE Scholarship Committee.

Scoring: There will be a maximum of 20 points allocated for the interview.

Interview Time: Candidates must be available for a mandatory 20 minute conference call on October 1st between 2pm to 5pm.

Scholarship Timeline

September 1: Open Scholarship Application

September 26: Scholarship Applications are due by 5:00pm

October 1: Conference Phone Calls

Candidate must be available for a mandatory 20 minute conference call on October 1st between 2pm to 5pm .

October 3: Award Letter

PCSE Scholarship: Candidate Contact Information

First Name, Last Name	
Street Address	
City St Zip Code	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	
MURP Concentration	
1st Year or 2nd Year	

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