

**DENISE ABOUD FUND**

**APPLICATION FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE – GPA CONFERENCE**

The Denise Abboud Fund is dedicated to help with the education and ongoing professional development of planners, planning commissioners or other persons in Georgia who work in or serve rural or poorer communities in an official planning role.

This year (2011), grant assistance is offered on a competitive basis to offset travel costs to the Fall GPA Conference in Savannah (Sept 28-30). For a description of the Selection Criteria, go to the GPA web site at [www.georgiaplanning.org](http://www.georgiaplanning.org) and click on the Georgia Planning Memorial Foundation.

**APPLICANT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Middle Last*

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Apartment/Suite #*

\_\_\_\_\_ *City County State Zip Code*

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  Home  Work Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

GPA Member?  Yes  (AICP?)  No  Have Applied\*

Note: Georgia Planning Association Membership is **not required** for assistance from the Denise Abboud Fund. However, GPA has agreed to reduce or waive conference registration fees for grant recipients that are GPA members or become GPA members prior to the conference.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Community (Town, City or County) you serve \_\_\_\_\_

County in which the community you serve is located \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Describe Current Responsibilities (and for how long) \_\_\_\_\_

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\*To apply, go to [www.planning.org](http://www.planning.org). You can join as a full APA Planning member or as a Planning Commissioner (either of which includes membership in the GPA Chapter).

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Have you previously served your community in a different planning capacity or in a planning capacity for a different town, city or county?

No

Yes Please describe your most recent previous planning experience and for how long:

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**BENEFIT**

Briefly describe how attending the GPA Fall Conference will help your professional development.

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Briefly describe how attending the GPA Fall Conference will benefit your community.

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**FINANCIAL AID**

The road mileage from my community to the conference site (Savannah) is \_\_\_\_\_ one way.

I will attend the full conference and will need 2 nights in the conference hotel.

I will attend the Planning Commissioner’s Track and will need only 1 night in the hotel.

By checking this box, I certify that the information provided in this application is complete, accurate and truthful. In the event that I receive financial aid from the Georgia Planning Memorial Foundation, I agree to use such financial aid only in connection with the Conference described above and only in connection with costs necessary to further my professional development.

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this Application on or before **September 1, 2011**  
by mail: Bill Ross, 2161 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 806, Atlanta, GA 30309  
or by email: GaPlanningFoundation@gmail.com

*Your Application and receipt of grant assistance will be held in strict confidentiality by the Foundation.*