



AL–MS APA Student Planning Competition October 7-9, 2015

Poster Submission Instructions/Requirements:

- 1) Students may enter school-related projects or independent study work, including work performed by a team of students, consistent with the requirements and criteria herein.
- 2) Participants must be currently enrolled in planning or a related field from a school of higher education in the State of Alabama.
- 3) Participants must register their projects for submission no later than September 25, 2015. Register by emailing your name(s), school, brief project description or abstract (max. 400 words).

Alabama Students, please email your project to: charlene.lebleu@gmail.com

Mississippi students, please email your project to: joan.m.wesley@jsums.edu

Please place "Student Poster Session" in the Subject line.

- 4) 1 presentation board with combination of written and graphic materials (max. size – 36"x48")
- 5) 1 page project summary/abstract that includes project purpose, planning methodology and findings/recommendations
- 6) The competition will include a juried Student Poster Session. Participants must be present to discuss their posters with attendees at the designated time during the Conference.

Poster Review Criteria. Entries will be reviewed according to the following:

Comprehensiveness.....20

- 1) Analysis and evaluation of the topic or site is comprehensive.
- 2) Project findings are comprehensive, addressing the many variables necessary to be effective.

Analysis and Evaluation.....20

- 1) Research materials are relevant to the project, up-to-date and have been properly evaluated.
- 2) Analysis of physical and/or socioeconomic conditions, demographic or growth trends, etc. is relevant and has been properly evaluated
- 3) Evaluation of research and analysis materials is thorough and supports project findings.

Quality of Communication20

- 1) Written and graphic materials communicate the project and its findings clearly and effectively.
- 2) Written materials are free of errors and are otherwise of high quality.
- 3) Graphic materials are legible, attractive and consistent with accepted graphic standards for planning.

Best Planning Practices20

- 1) The project methodology and findings are consistent with best planning practices as promoted by the American Planning Association.

Application of Findings20

- 1) The project recommends *effective* and *sustainable* solutions or improvements.
- 2) The project proposes a feasible strategy for applying findings/implementing plan recommendations.
- 3) The project describes how its recommendations may be applied in other locations or circumstances.

Award. Cash prizes!