

Charles Eliot II Scholarship

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council annually presents a scholarship award in memory of Charles W. Eliot II. Mr. Eliot was an advocate of local planning as part of regional cooperation, and he was especially interested in land use planning as it affected transportation (coordination of trains, buses, cars, bicycles, and pedestrians), the need for communities to balance residential, business, and open space, and the role of planning to solve modern problems (like today's climate change). This scholarship is open to any senior in a secondary school in the 101 cities and towns of the MAPC region, who is planning to further his/her/their education in these fields. A cash prize of at least \$500 will be awarded in the form of a scholarship to the school of the recipient's choice.

The detailed application form is also available from the MAPC web site under the heading Charles W. Eliot II Scholarship: <https://www.mapc.org/about-mapc/legal-notices-meetings/>

Included following the application form is a summary of the accomplishments of Charles W. Eliot II, which students should review prior to applying.

If you would like more information about this award, please feel free to contact Andrea Aponte, MAPC Operations Specialist I, at aaponte@mapc.org.

Deadline: Applications for this award must be submitted by email as an attachment to aaponte@mapc.org with the subject *Charles W. Eliot II Scholarship*, or mailed to *Charles W. Eliot II Scholarship, Metropolitan Area Planning Council Temple Place, Boston, MA 02111* no later than **Wednesday, May 4, 2022**. Award will be made in late May at the MAPC Annual Meeting (to which the winning student is cordially invited to attend).

THE CHARLES W. ELIOT II AWARD

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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The purpose of the award is to forward sound land planning practices regarding both the development of land and the conservation of natural resources by recognizing a student whose interests give promise of work in these fields.

1. Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Town/City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

High School: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

2. In founding the Charles W. Eliot II Scholarship, MAPC recognizes high school seniors who are entering their first year of college and who are especially interested in pursuing an academic career in land use planning that will guide our society to a more sustainable future. MAPC broadly defines land use planning to include housing and economic development, transportation, environmental protection, energy conservation, and impacts on public health – all of which relate to improving our “living environment.” Local or regional experience that shows how the student making application sees his/her community in the present or vision of the future would be helpful. Students making application for this scholarship should write below how their proposed academic program and/or future career goals will address one or more of these subjects (use other pages if necessary):

5. Please list three teachers or other adult leaders who know of your interest in the field of planning that was so important to Mr. Eliot.

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Email: _____

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I have read the summary of Charles W. Eliot II and believe that my work and interest will help to advance his ideas.

Signature of Applicant:

_____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian acknowledging that this application is being made with my full consent:

_____ Date: _____ Email: _____

Signature of one Teacher or Guidance Counselor acknowledging that this application is being made with my full consent:

_____ Date: _____ Email: _____

In Memory of

Charles W. Eliot II

1899 - 1993

“Planning is the guidance of change,” Charles Eliot II noted in his “Thoughts on Planning” essay written after some 50 years of practice and teaching. Indeed, Charles Eliot made notable achievements in the evolution, advocacy, and implementation of planning concepts, as did three generations of Charles Eliot’s before him.

Mr. Eliot was a “founding father” of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), the regional planning agency for metropolitan Boston. We have long benefited from Mr. Eliot’s pioneering efforts in regional planning. His work with the Council began at the first meeting on January 14, 1964 and continued for three decades. During those years Mr. Eliot was an outspoken defender of regional planning and the preservation of open space. Longtime members of the MAPC organizational family recall his annual submittal of legislation for the regionalization of government. His role on the national front included setting up state planning agencies throughout the country, as director of the National Resources and Planning Board. On the local front he created plans for Arlington, Bedford, Duxbury, and Yarmouth. For the Commonwealth, he masterminded the green belt area around Boston and the Bay Circuit. His work has gone a long way to advance sound planning practices and the conservation of natural resources.

At MAPC, Mr. Eliot is most remembered for his participation in drafting the original legislation that created MAPC. During his years at the Council, Mr. Eliot served as a member of the Open Space and Recreation Technical Advisory Committee, and on the Regional Organizational Technical Advisory Committee developed to explore inter-municipal cooperation. He held a gubernatorial seat on the Executive Committee for 12 years. In the 1970’s MAPC and the Society of Planning Officials recognized Mr. Eliot for his outstanding contribution to the advancement of planning. He was the first and only recipient of MAPC’s Atherton Loring Award.

Mr. Eliot was at the vanguard of regional planning for more than half a century. He leaves a great legacy for the Commonwealth and the nation that will not soon be forgotten. We need only look around to see the benefits of his work.