



Association of
Professional
Landscape
Designers

APLD Certification Program

Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for APLD Certificants

All individuals certified through the Association of Professional Landscape Designers (APLD) are required to adhere to and uphold the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct, as follows:

Commitment to Clients

- Protect the interest of all clients by utilizing professional knowledge and skills.
- Be loyal to clients/employers and abide by all agreed upon expectations as outlined in the legal agreement for services.
- Be truthful in oral and written statements concerning the capacity of services qualified to offer.
- Make full disclosure and convey all conflicts of interest related to any aspects of the project which could create a financial or ethical issue for the designer or the client.

Commitment to the Environment

- Utilize professional knowledge and skills for the greatest good of the project site, the surrounding community and the environment as a whole.
- Advocate for improving the environment through sustainable practices.
- Seek to learn and implement product fabrication, material installation and site maintenance practices that will not damage local and global natural resources.

Commitment to Other Professionals

(landscape designers, engineers, architects, project design team members, contractors, utility and governmental entities, etc.)

- Continue pursuing professional education to exchange knowledge and best practices with colleagues.
- Avoid making unfounded statements or criticizing colleagues for personal gain.

Commitment to the General Public

- Refrain from expressing an uninformed opinion on any issues relating to the profession.
- Avoid making unfounded statements or criticizing colleagues for personal gain.
- Seek to participate in public service activities to educate the public about best practices in landscape design and horticulture.
- Conduct all matters relating to landscape design activities, business operations, and civic responsibilities in a professional manner.

Commitment to the Association of Professional Landscape Designers

- Seek and participate in professional development opportunities provided on a local, state, and national level.
- Strive to achieve and maintain APLD certification.
- Avoid making critical public statements about an individual member, officer, or the organization and seek to resolve issues within the existing organizational structure and in a private manner.
- Do not represent APLD without the organization's permission and knowledge.

My signature below verifies my commitment to adhere to this Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct document:

Signature: _____

Date: _____