ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR 2013-2014 SCHOLARSHIP GRANT FROM AIA NJ

AIA NEW JERSEY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

AIA New Jersey Scholarship Foundation Inc. maintains a program of scholarship grants to qualified architectural students from New Jersey or attending architecture school in New Jersey for the purpose of recognizing scholastic achievement, demonstrated talent, and potential for success in the profession of Architecture. Financial need is also a consideration for the award of scholarship funds. It is noted that funds for the program come from contributions and fundraising efforts of AIA New Jersey members, interested sources in the construction industry, and private individuals located in New Jersey.

The information provided on the application, together with the supplementary documents, transcripts and data, will be treated confidentially. It will be used to evaluate the degree of need, scholastic promise, level of achievement, and other aspects of eligibility and potential, including personal goals and future plans for practicing architecture.

The application should be carefully and completely filled out and returned with the registration fee of $5.00, the personal statement essay, along with examples of work in an 8-1/2" x 11" or 11" x 17" format collected together in a portfolio of current student projects and related mixed media design work. Supplemental documents including Transcript, Federal Student Aid form, and optional letters of reference can follow separately or can be sent as part of the package.

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To be considered for a scholarship, a student must meet the following qualifications:

a) New Jersey Connection: If attending school outside of New Jersey, applicant shall have a permanent legal family address in the State of New Jersey –or - if married or living as a single independent, applicant shall have a legal address in the State of New Jersey – or – if a student from another state, applicant shall be attending an accredited School of Architecture within the State of New Jersey;
a) **Architectural Study Requirement:** Applicant shall be matriculated as a full-time student in an accredited architectural program at a School of Architecture and shall have completed by June of this year a minimum of one full year of study towards a first professional degree (either a Bachelor of Architecture or Masters in Architecture);

c) **Financial Need Demonstration:** Applicant shall demonstrate that financial assistance is needed to continue school studies or to relieve financial pressures on the family, which if unabated, might reduce the applicant's ability to develop architectural talent and potential;

d) **Demonstration of Architectural Talent:** Applicant shall demonstrate a definite talent or potential for achievement in architecture, supported by official school transcript, personal statement essay, and a mixed media portfolio of student projects and design work;

e) **Demonstration of Interest, Commitment, and Character:** Applicant shall indicate interest and commitment in pursuing an architectural career in the State of New Jersey after schooling is completed; (via description of intentions in personal statement essay), and applicant shall demonstrate outstanding character through the personal statement essay and/or through optional letters of reference from appropriate sponsors, professors, employers, or friends of the family that support the candidate.

**GENERAL INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS:**
Failure to retain satisfactory grades towards obtaining a degree in Architecture will be considered cause for ineligibility on any subsequent application for assistance. There is no limitation on the awarding of grants, save that of the available funds, to the number of recipients attending from any single School of Architecture.

The actual amount of money to be made available to any one recipient is determined by the Board of Trustees on an annual basis. Scholarships are not intended to cover a student's total costs for any one semester or year, except in most unusual situations.

Any student eligible for consideration shall apply in full on or before the date of **Friday, June 14, 2013.** All information received is maintained in complete confidence. Names of the scholarship grant recipients are publicized via the AIA New Jersey organization when awards are distributed.

**NOTES:**
1) All applications are due on or before **Friday, June 14, 2013;** Scholarships grants are awarded for the 2013-14 School Year.
2) Applications must be complete in order to be considered for the award, this includes all supplemental documents and application fee.
3) Multiple Scholarship Grants are awarded each year in an amount determined by the Scholarship Foundation Board of Trustees. The **estimated Grant Awards will range from $3,000 to $6,000 per selected student.**
4) The award selection is based upon an applicant’s demonstration of scholastic achievement, financial need, and architectural talent.

**REMEMBER:** PLEASE REQUEST SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS EARLY!

PARTIAL APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED WITHOUT TRANSCRIPTS, PERSONAL STATEMENTS, AND/OR THE $5.00 APPLICATION FEE WILL BE CONSIDERED “INCOMPLETE” AND WILL NOT BE PROCESSED OR CONSIDERED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP THIS YEAR.