

March 30, 2010

**AIA Minnesota Will Award ARE Scholarships!**

The AIA Minnesota Emerging Professionals Committee, with support from the IDP Committee, coordinates the distribution of two scholarships for completing and passing all sections of the Architectural Registration Exam. Test fees currently total \$1,470 for all seven sections of the 4.0 exam. Applications will be requested this spring/summer with a second request for applications this fall/winter.

**Application deadline:** 5:00 pm, Friday, June 4, 2010

**Eligibility**

- By the time of application, the applicant must be an AIA Minnesota Associate member.
- Eligible applicants may have begun the test taking process but will be asked to note their current status of taking the exam.
- The applicant's employer does not reimburse employees for test fees.

**How to apply**

Complete the Scholarship Application including a 300-word or less response to the Application Essay by June 4, 2010. Send Scholarship Application and Application Essay by postal service, email or fax to: Deanna Christiansen, AIA Minnesota, 275 Market Street, Suite 54, Minneapolis, MN 55405; email, [christiansen@aia-mn.org](mailto:christiansen@aia-mn.org); fax, 612-338-7981.

**Application Essay**

Building technologies, project delivery methods, architects' responsibilities, firm structure, and the way that we share information are all rapidly changing. As you contemplate licensure you are, in essence, actively asserting your desire to help define the profession in the years to come. In 300 words or less, define the role of the Licensed Architect of the future.

**Review of applications**

Representatives of AIA Minnesota's Emerging Professionals Committee, IDP Committee, Board of Directors, and prior Scholarship recipients will meet to conduct a blind review of the spring/summer applications. The following criteria will be used when reviewing the essays submitted:

- essays should be succinct and have a single thesis;
- essays should reflect the writer's beliefs and ideas expressed should be original;
- essay should be written with a clarity of thought and good communication skills demonstrated.

All applicants will be notified of the decisions made by June 30, 2010.

**Distribution of scholarship**

Sections of the exam taken prior to June 30, 2010 by a scholarship recipient will not be reimbursed. The scholarship recipient has until June 30, 2012 to take and pass all sections of the exam. Reimbursement for those sections taken between June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2011 can be requested with the remaining reimbursement made upon completion of all sections. If all sections have not been taken and passed by June 30, 2012, all or a portion of the scholarship may be rescinded.

**Questions:** Contact Deanna Christiansen, AIA Minnesota, [christiansen@aia-mn.org](mailto:christiansen@aia-mn.org), 612-338-6763.