



A New Convention & Membership Scholarship For Emerging Professionals and Students

Scholarship Introduction

AIA Minnesota is particularly enriched when young professionals become members and participate; however many people just starting out their careers find the costs of membership dues and certain opportunities prohibitive. Critical networking events, like the annual state Convention, are often missed as well due to the cost of registration, time away from work, and for some, travel costs.

A new AIA Minnesota scholarship supports young professionals who otherwise may not be able to join the organization and participate. Scholarship recipients are eligible to receive some or all of the following:

- o One year paid membership to AIA Minnesota (includes dues for local, state and national)
- o Free AIA Minnesota Convention registration
- o For those outside the metro area, travel and accommodation stipend during Convention dates
- o Attendance at the AIA Minnesota Awards Celebration on December 5, 2008

As a member-driven organization, scholarship recipients may be asked to volunteer at the Convention, encouraged to participate at other AIA Minnesota events and gatherings, and urged to join one of AIA Minnesota's committees. The support becomes two-way and everyone benefits.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include Emerging Professionals and Students who are:

- o Architects who have been licensed less than five years
- o IDP interns
- o Current students pursuing professional degrees in architecture

Application Process and Schedule

Individuals must submit the information requested on the Application along with a Letter of Intent and at least one Letter of Recommendation by September 30, 2008. Applicants will be notified of the selection committee's decision by October 10, 2008. Scholarship funding is limited.

Questions

Contact Deanna Christiansen, Christiansen@aia-mn.org; 612-338-6763.





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Application

1. Please provide the following information:

Name _____

Place of employment _____

Mailing address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

2. Please note your current status:

- I am a licensed architect. Year of licensure _____
- I am an IDP intern with a record established with NCARB.
- I am a student enrolled in a professional degree program in architecture. Please note school, degree program and year in program _____

3. What are your interests and needs from this Scholarship? Check any or all options.

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Letter of Intent

In 300 words or less, please address the following question:

How do you see AIA membership and attendance at the AIA Minnesota Convention benefiting your professional life?

Letter(s) of Recommendation

Please submit at least one letter of recommendation.

Submission

Please complete and return the information requested on the Application along with your Letter of Intent and at least one Letter of Recommendation by September 30, 2008. Return by postal service, email or fax to:

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AIA Minnesota, 275 Market Street, STE 54, Minneapolis, MN 55405
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