



AIA Minnesota 2023 ARE Scholarship **Open to AIA Minnesota and MSP NOMA licensing candidates**

The AIA Minnesota Architect Licensing Advisory Committee coordinates awarding a scholarship to an AIA Minnesota and/or MSP NOMA member to cover the costs of all sections of the Architect Registration Exam, within the parameters defined below. 5.0 test fees currently total \$1,410 for all six sections of this exam.

Application deadline: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Eligibility

- By the time of application, the applicant must be an AIA Minnesota Associate and/or MSP NOMA member.
- Eligible applicants may have begun the test taking process.
- The applicant's employer does not reimburse employees for any portion of test fees.

How to apply

Complete the Scholarship Application including a 300-word or less response to the Application Essay by 5pm, January 31, 2023. Email Scholarship Application and Application Essay to: Deanna Christiansen Christiansen@aia-mn.org.

Application essay

The core values of AIA Minnesota are **Authenticity, Equity, Collaboration, and Integrity**.

In an essay of no more than 300 words, please describe the ways you hope to bring these core values to bear in your work as a licensed architect.

A blind review will select an essay that is written in a way that expresses the unique perspective of the applicant. The essay should be:

- Compelling – written with conviction
- Thought-provoking – expressing interesting and unique ideas; and
- Inspiring – potential to encourage and motivate others

All applicants will be notified by February 10, 2023.

Distribution of scholarship

- The scholarship recipient has until January 31, 2025 to take and pass all sections of the exam.
- Reimbursement for those sections taken prior to January 31, 2024 can be requested for a first payment, with the remaining reimbursement made upon completion of all sections.
- If all sections have not been taken and passed by January 31, 2025, all or a portion of the scholarship may be rescinded.

Questions: Contact Deanna Christiansen, AIA Minnesota, christiansen@aia-mn.org.



Step 1: Complete 2023 ARE Scholarship Application Form

Name _____
Firm _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____
 Yes I am an AIA Minnesota member Yes I am an MSP NOMA member

Does your employer cover any portion of the cost of test fees?
 Yes No (if Yes, you are not eligible for this scholarship)

Have you completed AXP?
 Yes No

Step 2: Test-taking Progress

Have you begun taking the exam? Yes No
If yes, how many sections have you taken and passed? _____

Step 3: Response to Application Essay

The [core values of AIA Minnesota](#) are **Authenticity, Equity, Collaboration, and Integrity**. In an essay of no more than 300 words, please describe the ways you hope to bring these core values to bear in your work as a licensed architect. The essay should be:

- Compelling – written with conviction
- Thought-provoking – expressing interesting and unique ideas; and
- Inspiring – potential to encourage and motivate others

Thesis statement. Place at the top of your essay page a 1-2 sentence condensation (thesis) of your essay to follow.

Do not place your name on the essay or identify yourself on the essay in any way.

Step 4: Verify Accuracy of Application and Sign

I hereby certify that the information I have provided on this Application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, including that the Essay expresses my original thoughts and ideas. If I am selected to receive a scholarship, I understand I have until January 31, 2024 to take and pass all sections of the exam. If this condition is not met, I further understand that all or a portion of the scholarship will be rescinded.

Signed _____ Date _____

Step 5: Return Scholarship Application and Essay by 5:00 pm, January 31, 2023

2023 ARE Scholarship Thesis Statement and Essay

The use of this page for your thesis and essay is not required.

- Thesis statement. Place a 1-2 sentence thesis statement at the top of your essay page.
- Essay. In an essay of 300 words or less please describe the ways you hope to bring AIA Minnesota core values – **Authenticity, Equity, Collaboration, and Integrity** – to bear in your work as a licensed architect.

1-2 Sentence Thesis Statement

Essay (300 words or less)