

AIA NJ

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2015-2016

AIA NJ SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

DATE OF APPLICATION: _____

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLIED FOR
ACADEMIC YEAR **2015** to **2016**

Social Security # _____

School Attending: _____

Degree being sought: _____

Expected Year of Graduation: _____

Indicate Program Level:

Graduate Program: _____

Undergraduate Program: _____

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Fee Received: _____

Completed Application: _____

Date Complete: _____

Financial Aid Form: _____

Office Transcripts:

Undergrad: _____

Graduate: _____

References (Optional):

Academic: _____

Professional: _____

Portfolio: _____

Reminder/Corres.: _____

- **APPLICANT MUST MEET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

NJ Residency Requirement - Applicant must demonstrate the following:

If attending school outside of New Jersey, applicant shall have a permanent legal family address in the **State of New Jersey** –or - if married and/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 located within the State of New Jersey;

Please Type or Print:

1) Applicant's Full Name

Last	Middle	First
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2) Title (optional) Mr. Ms. Miss Mrs.

3) New Jersey Address (*required to show NJ connection & eligibility*)
(ie. School Address, Current Legal Address, or Parent's Home):

Street	Town
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County	Zip	Phone No.
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- **APPLICANT MUST MEET MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS:**
Matriculation Requirement - Applicant must demonstrate the following:
Be matriculated as a full-time student in an *accredited architectural program at a School of Architecture* and have completed by June of this year a minimum of one full year of study towards his or her first professional degree (which can be either a *Bachelor of Architecture* or a *Masters in Architecture* degree);

- 4) **Current Program of Study:**
- (a) School presently attending _____
 - (b) Degree being sought _____
 - (c) Year started the program _____
 - (d) Anticipated Graduation Year for your architectural degree _____
(State your degree either B Arch or Masters in Architecture) _____
 - (e) Current Cumulative Grade Point Average _____
 - (f) Current Cumulative Grade Point Average in Architecture Major _____

- **APPLICANT MUST DEMONSTRATE FINANCIAL NEED:**
Financial Aid Consideration - Applicant must demonstrate the following:
Demonstrate that financial assistance is needed to continue architectural 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;

- 5) **Information regarding principal wage earner** (self, parent, or guardian):
- a) Name _____
 - b) Home Address _____
 - c) Name & Address of Employer _____

 - d) Total number of persons dependent on principal wage earner including children

 - e) Summarize scholarship and loan aid received by you and your family since beginning college:

6) Estimated Budget for the Next Academic Year.

Base your estimates on two (2) semesters and a 35-week school year; you may approximate the figures and round all estimates to nearest \$100.00.

<u>ANTICIPATED INCOME FOR 2014-15</u>		<u>ANTICIPATED EXPENSES FOR 2014-2015</u>	
Aid from family	\$ _____	Tuition & Fees	\$ _____
Gifts	\$ _____	Books & Materials	\$ _____
Summer Earnings	\$ _____	Room	\$ _____
From Own Savings	\$ _____	Food	\$ _____
School-term Employment	\$ _____	Clothing & Laundry	\$ _____
Or Other Earnings			
Assured Scholarships	\$ _____	Transportation	\$ _____
Loans	\$ _____	Recreation/Entertainment	\$ _____
		Expenses	
*Other income or	\$ _____	Misc. Personal &	\$ _____
assets (Specify)		Incidental items	

_____		Other expenses	\$ _____
_____		(Specify)	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ _____	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ _____

NET DEFICIT Anticipated for Next Year (Expenses - Income) \$ _____

*Other Income: List and describe any financial assets you possess in your own right (e.g., trust funds, stocks, bonds, real estate, investments, other scholarship awards, financial aid grants, etc.). Indicate whether these are being applied to your tuition and anticipated expenses. Give an approximate total dollar value of these assets and whether these assets can be used in financing college or graduate education.

7) Further explanation of aid from the family giving background information on the amount estimated along with any additional detail or clarification of items noted in budget that explain anticipated income:

8) Further explanation of any special financial burdens or circumstances that may add cost, uncertainty or fluctuation in your financial need (ie. *Salary reduction, unemployment, death of wage earner, etc.*):

- **APPLICANT MUST DEMONSTRATE TALENT AND POTENTIAL:**
Talent & Achievement Consideration - Applicant must demonstrate:
A definite talent or potential for achievement in architecture, supported by official school transcript, personal statement essay, and a submitted *portfolio of student projects and design work (copies acceptable)*;

9) **Portfolio of Student Projects and Examples of Design Work:**

The submission of a portfolio is an important component of the application. The portfolio shall consist of a selection of current student design work. The intention is to show a range of work and to explain the objectives of the design assignment. Submit reproduction copies (not originals).

- a) Format: Submit as 8-1/2" x 11" or 11" x 17" size; (color xeroxes are acceptable).
- b) Content: Show a variety of design work (minimum 5 pages, maximum 20 pages).
- c) Design Display: The emphasis of the portfolio should be on showing your creativity, design skills, professionalism, how you solved challenging design problems, and areas of special interest to you. Portfolio should be well organized, visually interesting, and informative.
- d) Identification: Identify what the work represents. (Note: Briefly written descriptions of the goals or design objectives of the projects help reviewers fully understand the work).
- e) Variety: Work can include a sample display of architectural studio projects along with reproductions of artwork, drawings, photography, models, furniture or craft projects.

PORTFOLIO OPTION: As an option, the portfolio submission may comprise a *presentation of your TWO most recent student projects*. These two projects must be thoroughly documented (and not just be excerpted pieces of projects). This alternate submittal must be comprehensive and represent the full progression of work from initial conceptual sketches through design development images to finished presentation drawings. It is important to show design talent and mastery of a range of mixed media (by incorporating use of artwork, models, photographs, crafts, etc.)

- **APPLICANT MUST INDICATE INTEREST AND COMMITMENT:**
Interest and Commitment to Architecture - Applicant must: Indicate their interest and commitment in pursuing an architectural career in New Jersey after schooling is completed; (personal statement should describe intentions for contributing to NJ's built environment); Applicant must: Demonstrate outstanding character traits through a personal statement which briefly describes their goals, aspirations, inspirations, challenges in life and achievements to date. References to co-curricular activities, jobs, and interests are helpful in describing the applicant's character and commitment.

10) **Personal Statement Essay:**

On separate sheet(s), please type a **personal statement essay** (minimum one page). This essay is important to the selection process, because it gives reviewers an opportunity to learn about details and aspirations written *from your own highly personalized viewpoint* which is different from application/transcript records.

- Include:*
- a) Your personal goals, interests, aspirations, character traits, and challenges in your life;
 - b) Your extra-curricular activities and jobs that have enriched your life and experiences;
 - c) Your Honors, Awards, and Recognized Talents (academic and non-academic);
 - d) Your interest in architecture including any special interests or cultural experiences;
 - e) Your commitment to architecture in NJ including how you plan to use your architectural education and how it may benefit or contribute to architectural design work in New Jersey.

11) **Supplemental documents required:**

- a) Transcript of undergraduate and graduate college record to date shall be sent directly.
- b) **Completed Federal form for Financial Student Aid (the F.A.F.S.A.)** shall be sent for the current school year (available from the College Entrance Examination Board).

- c) **OPTIONAL: *One to Two Letters of Reference*** may be submitted with sender’s name, title, & phone number. (If two letters, then one reference should be from a teacher or professor; the second reference from a professional, employer, or family friend - NOT a relative.)
NOTE: The submission of any Letter of Recommendation is OPTIONAL.

12) **Application Fee and Application Submission:**

- a) **\$ 5.00 check or money order** payable to: AIA New Jersey Scholarship Foundation, Inc.
- b) **Send Application & all materials to:** AIA New Jersey Scholarship Foundation, Inc.
 Attn: **Ms. Cris Miseo, AIA** (Work Tel. #973.533.0002)
 Miseo Associates, PA Architects
 205 Mt. Pleasant Avenue
 East Hanover, New Jersey 07936

- c) **EVALUATION CRITERIA:** Board of Trustees of AIA New Jersey Scholarship Foundation will award scholarship grants on the basis of an applicant’s demonstration of *connection to NJ, scholastic achievement, financial need, demonstrated architectural talent, assessed-potential for achievement in architecture, and personal vision for contributing to New Jersey’s built environment.*

Applicants will be judged on the basis of 100 points with the following distribution:

- Total 30 Points **Academic Achievement Information** including grades is based on *School transcript* and years from first professional degree;
- Total 30 Points **Financial Assistance Information** including family support is based on Family assistance, special circumstances, self-help income from school-term & summer-time jobs, dependent expenses, etc.
- Total 30 Points **Design Talent & Potential for Achievement** is based upon the submitted *portfolio* of design work including a review of the quality of design projects, expressed design talents and potential, presentation form, clarity, variety of work, and use of different media; plus optional letters of reference.
- Total 10 Points **Interest & Commitment to Architecture** is based upon the submitted *personal statement essay* including the expression of personal goals, character traits, general interests, talents, extra curricular activities, challenges in life, special areas of interest in architecture, and vision on how to use architectural education to improve architecture & planning in New Jersey.

***DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF “IN FULL” APPLICATION: FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015.**

NOTE: APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED OR CONSIDERED, UNLESS IT IS DEEMED COMPLETE AND APPLICANT MEETS ALL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

Applicant’s Certification:

I have read the accompanying **AIA New Jersey Scholarship Foundation** explanation sheet, purpose, and eligibility requirements and certify that information furnished herein is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

(Date)

(Signature of Applicant)