



AIA Chicago Foundation

AIA Chicago Foundation Diversity Scholarship
Graduate Application Questions
Deadline: March 20, 2020

As a part of AIA Chicago's 150th anniversary celebration, the AIA Chicago Foundation has launched the AIA Chicago Diversity Scholarship Initiative: An opportunity to support students who will become talented young professionals in a more diverse Chicago community, recognizing the value of new and unique voices to the profession. The scholarship program stipulates:

- One (1) \$10,000 scholarship for a graduate student, awarded over two years (\$5000/year)
- Eligible graduate students include those enrolling at a NAAB accredited master's degree program at the Illinois Institute of Technology, School of the Art Institute of Chicago or the University of Illinois at Chicago
- Awardee will also receive guidance and ongoing mentorship from AIA Chicago members throughout their educational tenure

***Diversity Definition: The American Institute of Architects recognizes that diversity enhances our membership, our profession, and the quality of life in our communities. Our programs and initiatives shall reflect the society that we serve, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, physical abilities, or religious practices. AIA strives to ensure equal access to professional degrees in architecture for those who are underrepresented in our profession.*

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Eligibility

- 1) I fulfill the **diversity requirements.
- 2) I am incoming or enrolled in a NAAB accredited master's degree program at Illinois Institute of Technology, School of the Art Institute of Chicago or the University of Illinois at Chicago
- 3) I can demonstrate and show proof of financial need.

Personal Information

First Name
Last Name
Street Address
City
State

Country

Phone Number

School I am enrolled in

School I plan on enrolling in

- Illinois Institute of Technology
- School of the Art Institute
- University of Illinois at Chicago

Current Year of Study

Anticipated graduation date

I am a US citizen or US permanent resident

Race/Ethnicity (check all that apply)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Latinx
- Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander
- White
- Other

Financial Information

Are you an independent or dependent?

I am eligible to receive state and federal aid and will file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Enter your parents adjusted gross income as reported on your FAFSA

Enter your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC)

If you are not eligible for FAFSA:

- Enter your gross income as reported on your W2 or tax return
- Enter you Estimated Contribution

Release and confirmation

How did you hear about the scholarship? (check all that apply)

- AIA Chicago website
- School, professor
- Friend, family member, mentor
- Web search
- Professional organization
- Print
- Social media

- Direct mail
- Other

AIA Chicago Foundation reserves the right to adjust scholarship guidelines, timelines, or process at any time and for any reason. Final awarding of scholarships and/or internship opportunities is at AIA Chicago Foundation sole discretion.

Show us your skills -Graduate Scholarship

Upload the documents listed below in one single PDF file (20MB max) in the order below. Use naming convention: LastName.FirstName[graduate].

Each requirement must be checked. Deadline: March 20, 2020

- Portfolio
- One-page resume
- Submit a two - three-minute video statement discussing *Why architecture, your future career plans and why you should be AIA Chicago Foundation's choice for 2020 Diversity Scholarship.*
- Two (2) letters of recommendation; one letter must be from a professor or an employer from a firm related to the practice of architecture or built environment and should address your potential as an architect.
- 500-1000 word statement which addresses fulfillment of the diversity requirements as stated above.
- Submit FAFSA form (if considered a dependent) or your most recent tax document (if considered independent).

I agree that I am the creator of all materials for the AIA Chicago Foundation Diversity Scholarship including text, drawings, diagrams, photographs, slides and other submission materials, excluding letters of reference.