



### **2009-2010 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

With ever increasing college tuition, students are facing staggering college costs—with no sign of slowing down in sight. Tuition continues to rise, and students are looking for more and more ways to pay for college.

Architecture students have the usual financial burdens as their peers:

- Tuition
- Room and board
- Text books
- Supplies
- Clothing
- Transportation

They also have the added expenses of the following:

- Computers
- Software
- Studio supplies (for model making, etc.)
- Printing
- Field trips and foreign travel
- Summer internship expenses

Depending on a program's requirement, these items can cost thousands of dollars each academic year.

Furthermore, students and graduates wishing to pursue a license also have the following fees for enrollment in the Intern Development Program (IDP) and the Architect Registration Exam (ARE).

While the amount varies per student, it is obvious that studying architecture in pursuit of a professional degree can be very expensive—perhaps far more than the average college student. Students can therefore graduate with an above average amount of debt due to loans.

To alleviate some of this burden, the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) and the AIA Trust have joined together to establish the "AIAS/AIA Trust Scholarship Program for Emerging Professionals." Our collective goal is to assist students with their educational pursuits by helping to minimize their financial obligations. This scholarship program is primarily intended to assist students with financial need by helping to pay their tuition and/or other direct educational expenses. The architecture profession needs talented individuals to help lead it into the future and we expect this program will help facilitate that.

Up to seven scholarships of \$750 each will be awarded this year. The program is for students in the fifth year of an undergraduate professional degree or the first year of graduate professional degree. The application deadline for the 2009-2010 school year is Friday, December 4, 2009. The award will be distributed in January 2010. Please see the application and guidelines for further information.



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### **GUIDELINES**

1. **DEADLINE.** Applicants must submit the required items by 5:00pm ET, Friday, December 4, 2009 (this is a *receipt* date). No extensions beyond the due date will be provided. Awardees will be notified by email by January 15, 2010.
2. **REQUIREMENTS.** Scholarship applicants must complete all required questions on the application form, and submit the required documents in PDF format. Applications may be submitted only through the scholarship application. Applications and questions should be submitted by email to [scholarship@aias.org](mailto:scholarship@aias.org).
3. **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.** To be eligible to apply for a scholarship a student must be:
  - Enrolled in a National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) accredited program (or verification of acceptance into a NAAB accredited graduate level program).
  - In the fifth year of an undergraduate professional degree or the first year of graduate professional degree.
  - Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or "B" average in the architecture program.
  - Have full-time status (as defined by the college).
  - Must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national or U.S. permanent resident.
  - Be a member in good standing of the AIAS during the year of application and receipt of the award.
  - Must provide evidence of financial need in the written applicant interview (the "essay"). Documentation of need must also be provided. Either one (but not both) of the following documents must be included:
    - a. Results page of the Streamlined Expected Family Contribution (EFC) Calculator offered by FinAid.org ([www.finaid.org/calculators/faaefc.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/calculators/faaefc.phtml)).
    - b. Certification from the academic institution that the applicant qualifies for participation in an educational assistance program for individuals from financially disadvantaged backgrounds as defined by the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Void where prohibited by law. Eligibility is subject to verification by the AIAS. Employees and members of the boards of directors of the AIAS, Inc. and the AIA Trust and their affiliates, subsidiaries, advertising and promotion agencies and their immediate family members and/or those living in same household of each are not eligible. Previous awardees will not be eligible.

4. **JUDGING.** Scholarship applications will be judged by a jury established by the AIAS. All decisions by the jury and the AIAS are final. There will be no appellate process. If there is a tie between applicants in the final judging process, the jury will base its final decision on the applicants' participation in leadership activities of the AIAS and other campus-based student organizations.

Applications will be judged on the following minimum criteria:

- a. Eligibility as described above
  - b. Financial need
  - c. Intent to continue education in architectural studies
  - d. Intent to seek a career as a licensed architect
  - e. Thoroughness and quality of the essay
5. **PRIZES.** Each winner will receive a scholarship of up to \$750. There shall be no more than seven winners this year. The jury is not required to award all seven scholarships. The scholarship awards will be paid directly to the students' institution (in the name of the awardees) at the beginning of the school term. The award of any prize to any winner is subject to the receipt of a fully executed Affirmation of Eligibility from the winner. If the AIAS is unable to verify a winner's Affirmation, an alternate winner may be chosen based upon the judging criteria outlined above.
  6. **GENERAL TERMS.** All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. By applying for a scholarship, applicant agrees to hold the American Institute of Architecture Students, Inc. ("AIAS") and the AIA Trust and its directors, officers, employees and assigns, harmless against any and all claims and liability arising out of applicant's application and/or acceptance of the scholarship. Applicants agree to be bound by these terms and conditions and the decisions of the judges which are final in all respects. Applicant agrees that the AIAS and the AIA Trust shall not



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be responsible for any typographical or other error in the administration of the AIAS/AIA Trust Scholarship for Emerging Professionals program. By accepting the scholarship, recipient grants permission to the AIAS and the AIA Trust and its agents to use recipient's name and/or likeness for purposes of advertising/trade without further compensation to recipient (unless prohibited by law). Any applicable taxes for accepting the scholarship shall be the responsibility of the winners.

8. **LIST OF WINNERS.** The list of winners will be published by January 15, 2010 on [www.aias.org](http://www.aias.org).
9. **SPONSORS.** This program is co-sponsored by the AIAS and the AIA Trust.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Required by all applicants:

1. Application form
2. Essay
3. Proof of financial need (as described in Paragraph 3: Eligibility Requirements)
4. Proof of enrollment and year in school (or verification of acceptance).

All documents shall be collected into one PDF document and submitted by email to [scholarship@aias.org](mailto:scholarship@aias.org). The application must be presented by 5:00pm ET, Friday, December 4, 2009 (this is a *receipt* date).

### **APPLICATION ESSAY**

Please prepare an essay of no more than three pages that includes the following:

1. A brief autobiography
2. Financial need for the scholarship
3. Your reasons for applying for a scholarship
4. Academic strengths and challenges
5. Work experience
6. Career objectives
7. Any formal leadership activities in the AIAS or other campus-based student organization

Personal photographs and other images are not to be included with your application.



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**2009-2010 APPLICATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Initial Last

Personal Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/PO Box  
City State Zip

School Name (for your next academic term): \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Tuition Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Beginning Date of Next Academic Term: \_\_\_\_\_  
(MM/YYYY)

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Include area code

AIAS Member #: \_\_\_\_\_  
If forgotten, please call 202.626.7472 during normal business hours.

Year in School:  5<sup>th</sup>  6<sup>th</sup>  Graduate School Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(MM/YYYY)

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently receiving financial aid?  No  Yes

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, certify that all of the information I have included in and with my application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I am selected for an award, I may be required to submit further proof of my eligibility. I agree that if I am selected for an award, my name, photograph, and/or essay may be used for publicity purposes with no additional compensation by the sponsors of this scholarship program.

I also certify that I have read, understand and agree to the Guidelines.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (type in your name if completing this form electronically)

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Date

All documents shall be collected into one PDF document and submitted by email to scholarship@aias.org. The application must be presented by 5:00pm ET, Friday, December 5, 2009 (this is a receipt date).



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### ABOUT THE SPONSORS



#### **American Institute of Architecture Students**

The American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) is an independent, nonprofit, student-run organization dedicated to providing unmatched programs, information, and resources on issues critical to architecture. The mission of the AIAS is to promote excellence in architectural education, training, and practice; to foster an appreciation of architecture and related disciplines; to enrich communities in a spirit of collaboration; and to organize students and combine their efforts to advance the art and science of architecture.

Learn more at [www.aias.org](http://www.aias.org).



#### **AIA Trust**

The AIA Trust was established in 1952 by The American Institute of Architects as a separate entity. The AIA Trust is governed by a group of six AIA members and one AIA component executive who serve as Trustees, appointed by the AIA President. As fiduciaries, the Trustees are stewards of each program offered.

It shall be the purpose and the policy of The AIA Trust to develop and make available at the greatest possible value, insurance and benefit programs for members and components of the American Institute of Architects; and to serve as a risk management resource for the practice of Architecture in cooperation with the Institute.

The Trust selects member programs in conjunction with independent consultants to meet the Institute's high standards of quality, value, financial stability, service, and coverage. The Trustees are dedicated to providing AIA members with solid, current information to help with good decisions about complex and expensive matters. The AIA Trust serves as your advocate in getting information and claims handled properly and promptly. It receives no dues dollars and is not a source of revenue for the AIA.

Learn more at [www.TheAIATrust.com](http://www.TheAIATrust.com).