



NEPA Chapter of AIA Scholarship Fund Scholarship Criteria & Application



The NEPA Chapter of AIA Scholarship Fund was established and funded by members of the NEPA Chapter of American Institute of Architects (“AIA”) to provide scholarship assistance to qualified applicants who are serious about their long-term pursuit of architecture as a profession and career. They recognize that architecture is as much an art as it is a science, which requires significant commitment from its students. They, as AIA members, commit themselves to be mentors and to provide internships to regional architectural interns. Furthermore, the NEPA AIA Chapter hopes and encourages students to live and practice their profession within Northeastern Pennsylvania after graduation.

THIS AWARD IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS OF ARCHITECTURE AND, EXCEPT IN THE OPINION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, DOES NOT INCLUDE FIELDS OF INTERIOR DESIGN/ARCHITECTURE & LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE.

Monies from this Fund will be awarded as a non-renewable scholarship, annually, to **EITHER:**

- 1). **ANY “local” area student(s) who have received their high school diploma, and/or received a 2-year Associate Degree and have been admitted into AND ARE ATTENDING any NAAB accredited (or NAAB Candidate) Bachelor of Architecture or Master of Architecture program.**

- 2). **ANY STUDENT ATTENDING A “LOCAL” NAAB ACCREDITED (OR NAAB-CANDIDATE) BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE OR MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM.**

The term “local” shall include permanent residence **OR LOCATION** in any of the following nine counties of Pennsylvania:

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| 1. Bradford | 4. Luzerne | 7. Susquehanna |
| 2. Columbia | 5. Pike | 8. Wayne |
| 3. Lackawanna | 6. Sullivan | 9. Wyoming |

Candidates must also possess the will and the ability to successfully pursue a college career, and have the academic ability, talent, and economic need for assistance in meeting tuition expenses in pursuit of an architectural degree. All of these factors will be considered for the selection of the scholarship recipients. Should there be no appropriate current student who has applied for the scholarship award for a particular year, then, at the discretion of the NEPA AIA Board of Directors, the annual award may then be given to an advance student who previously has received this scholarship.

A fully completed scholarship application and required supporting materials (see Required Attachments on page 4) must be submitted by Monday, August 2, 2021.

Name of Applicant: _____
(PRINT your name)

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

In addition to the two-page application form, your application packet should contain:

1. An official transcript from your present or most recently attended college or university.
2. A personal statement in 2 pages or less, (typed in 12-pitch with 1inch margins) on “What I can contribute to the architectural community of NEPA.” Your statement should include information that would help us in knowing you and in determining your eligibility or need, especially in recognition of the eligibility criteria for this scholarship (example: what factors influenced your desire to study architecture, how you are financing your education; previous work experience; and reasons for choosing your professional or future goals.)
3. A sample architectural portfolio. *A digital submission is preferred. Please send one (1) CD or thumb drive with digital copies of portfolio images/pages. Please provide high resolution (300dpi) digital images in JPEG or TIFF format only. Maximum acceptable size is 11” x 17”.
*If your submission is best represented in a printed format, the NEPA AIA Scholarship Committee will accommodate that preference.
4. Two letters of recommendation from non-family members, ***one of which must be from a current architectural instructor.***
5. A copy of the confirmation page from your “Free Application for Federal Student Aid” (FAFSA) showing your EFC (Expected Family Contribution).

I hereby give The Luzerne Foundation permission to contact any of my teachers, supervisors, professional and educational institutions I have attended, applied to, have been accepted for admission or membership to, for further information about my attendance, performance, financial circumstances and references. I understand that the information contained in my application may be shared with the scholarship advisory committee and /or scholarship sponsor. I acknowledge that all materials submitted in this application become the property of The Luzerne Foundation and will not be returned to sender. Submission of my portfolio grants NEPA AIA the one (1) time right to display digital images of my portfolio @ the NEPA AIA Annual Dinner.

Applicant’s signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian’s signature: _____ Date: _____

50% of the scholarship will be awarded for the fall semester. The balance of the scholarship will be awarded for the spring semester upon submission to The Luzerne Foundation of documentation noting successful completion of the fall semester.

~ Scholarship Application DEADLINE is Monday, August 2, 2021 ~

Return all documentation to:
Scholarship Processing
The Luzerne Foundation
34 South River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

Please contact The Luzerne Foundation at 570-822-2065 with any questions.