

ASLA Diversity Summit Community Reminder: Scholarship Season is Here!



ASLA 2018 Professional Award. Legacy and Community: Juxtaposing Heritage and Invention for Duke University's West Campus. Reed Hilderbrand LLC Landscape Architecture. Photo: James Ewing

GET READY

- Begin Scholarship Search Now (if you haven't already)
- Make a Submission Materials Checklist for Each Scholarship
- Understand Eligibility Criteria
- Highlight Deadlines
- Ask for Recommendations ASAP
- Begin Drafting Essay Responses
- ~~Meet~~ BEAT Deadlines (if at all possible)

Typically, February 1 – April 1 is the busiest time of year for scholarship application deadlines.

The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) and the Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF) are among many organizations that offer a variety of scholarships, awards, competitions, fellowships, and other funding options for students pursuing degrees and careers in landscape architecture. Take a moment to bookmark the [ASLA Scholarships webpage](#) and [LAF Awards webpage](#), then set aside time to review the full list of available funding opportunities (most with an **application deadline of February 1 or 15**).

CAST YOUR NET WIDE

Both ASLA and LAF webpages feature **new opportunities specifically designed to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in the profession**. A few are listed below, but don't stop there. Ask friends, teachers, and colleagues if they know of funding opportunities offered by firms or other organizations!

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION SCHOLARSHIP HIGHLIGHTS:

[American Institute of Graphic Arts \(AIGA\) Worldstudio Scholarships](#)

AIGA Worldstudio Scholarships benefit minority and economically disadvantaged students who are studying photography, illustration, and design disciplines in colleges and universities in the United States. Scholarships are awarded annually to encourage social and environmental responsibility and cultural awareness in the next generation of artists and designers.

DEADLINE: Contact AIG directly for the exact date in April 2020

[American Society of Indian Engineers and Architects](#)

This program is to recognize and reward talented and deserving students of Indian origin pursuing engineering or architecture degrees.

DEADLINE: October 21, 2019

[American Society of Landscape Architects Council of Fellows Scholarship](#)

The ASLA Council of Fellows established this scholarship fund in 2004 to aid outstanding students who would not otherwise have an opportunity to continue a professional degree program due to unmet financial need, increase the interest and participation of economically disadvantaged and underrepresented populations in the study of landscape architecture, and enrich the profession of landscape architecture through a more diverse population. Four \$5,000 awards, one of which is only available to minority students.

DEADLINE: February 1

[EDSA Minority Scholarship](#)

The EDSA Minority Scholarship was established to help African American, Hispanic, Native American, and minority students of other cultural and ethnic backgrounds continue their landscape architecture education. Eligible candidates are in their final two years of undergraduate study or pursuing a graduate degree in landscape architecture.

AWARD: \$5,000

DEADLINE: February 1

[LAF Honor Scholarship in Memory of Joe Lalli, FASLA](#)

Applicants should show commitment to some of the areas that Joe Lalli dedicated himself to, including drawing, artistic pursuits, the importance of travel, and giving back in service to one's community and profession.

AWARD: \$20,000

DEADLINE: February 1

[ULI Hines Student Competition](#)

The ULI Hines Student Competition—entering its 18th year in 2020—offers graduate students the opportunity to form their own multidisciplinary teams and engage in a challenging exercise in responsible land use. The ULI Hines Student Competition is part of the Institute's ongoing effort to raise interest among young people in creating better communities, improving development patterns, and increasing awareness of the need for multidisciplinary solutions to development and design challenges.

DEADLINE: Contact ULI directly

[ULI Awards & Competitions \(full list\)](#)

ULI recognizes a wide range of project types, sizes, and initiatives in its award programs—from housing to commercial and mixed-use development and new communities, from open spaces to policy initiatives, and both profit and nonprofit.

DEADLINES: Contact ULI directly



HELPFUL REMINDERS

Check out these reminders from [USA News & World Report *The Scholarship Coach*](#) and [Scholarships.com](#).

- Make a list of all the scholarships for which you want to apply.
- Apply for as many scholarships as you are eligible for; several smaller scholarships can add up to a lot of money
- **Be thorough in your application process—and don't rush!** Rushing can lead to mistakes that will take you out of the running for the scholarship award. Write down everything you can think of for each question, and then set the application aside for a day before finishing.
- Read the supplemental materials with the scholarship application to better understand the program's focus (community service, academics, subject interest). Then, answer the questions with the focus area in mind.
- Answer questions as they are asked. Don't go off-topic.
- If there is a financial component to the application, make sure you get accurate and complete information from all appropriate sources to ensure your eligibility.
- Don't wait until the last minute to complete your application, especially if you are applying online. Computer systems can get clogged with the large volume of applicants hoping to submit their qualifications during the last few days and hours before a deadline.
- If a third party has to complete a portion of your application, such as provide a letter of recommendation, be sure to follow up early and as often as necessary to ensure they provide you with the required materials.
- Finally, review your application with a colleague or friend.

Please, direct questions about ASLA's scholarships and fellowships or career discovery and diversity opportunities to Lisa J. Jennings at discover@asla.org.