

AIA RHODE ISLAND ARCHITECTURAL FORUM

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

AIA Rhode Island Architectural Forum is pleased to announce its Annual Scholarship Awards Program for 2026.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, the AIARI Architectural Forum awards scholarships to students studying in NAAB-accredited undergraduate and graduate architecture degree programs to help them achieve their dream of becoming an architect.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible applicants must be either:

- Enrolled in a NAAB-accredited undergraduate or graduate architecture program in Rhode Island, or
- A Rhode Island resident who is enrolled in a NAAB-accredited undergraduate or graduate architecture program outside of Rhode Island.

Applicants must be enrolled in their professional studies for the 2026 – 2027 academic year. We encourage past applicants and recipients to apply.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit:

- **Letter of Intent** including a narrative describing your current academic status and a statement of how receiving a scholarship would further your academic pursuits. (1 page)
- **Portfolio** including any illustrative material that is representative of your design experience and interests. (PDF format, maximum of six (6) pages)
- **Letter of Recommendation** written by a faculty member of the school at which you are currently enrolled or a professional reference.
- **Statement of Financial Need Form** completed by the financial aid office of the school in which you are currently enrolled. The form is attached to these instructions, which can be downloaded from <https://aia-ri.org/resources/student-scholarships/>.

Submissions should be sent via e-mail as a single PDF and be no larger than 15MB. Please include your name and contact information on each page. **Electronic links to files will not be accepted.** To be considered, applicants must include all the required materials in the PDF attached to their application e-mail.

Applicants will be considered for the following scholarships:

- AIA Rhode Island Scholarship
- AIA Rhode Island / D.F. Pray Scholarship
- Norton E. Salk Scholarship

The Scholarship Award committee of the AIARI Architectural Forum will review the applications and determine how many scholarships to award and in what amount the awards will be made. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the current academic institutions of the award recipients.

APPLICATION PROCESS, DEADLINE, & AWARD NOTIFICATION

Applications must be e-mailed to aiariforum@gmail.com by **Monday, May 4, 2026, at 5:00pm**. Applicants will be notified of decisions by June 30, 2026.

CONTACT

Please contact aiariforum@gmail.com with any questions. This information is also available on the AIA Rhode Island website at <https://aia-ri.org/resources/student-scholarships/>.

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Statement of Financial Need Form

STUDENT:

Please have this form completed by the financial aid office of the school in which you are currently enrolled and submit this form with your scholarship application.

Student Name: _____

College or University: _____

Program of Study: _____

Class Year: _____

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE:

Please verify the level of demonstrated financial need of this student as a percentage of the cost of attendance. Check the box next to the appropriate range:

| AMOUNT OF NEED |
|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 75% - 100% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50% - 74% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25% - 49% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 25% |

Is this student currently enrolled: Yes No

Representative Completing this Form: _____

Title: _____

If you have questions about this form, please contact the AIARI Architectural Forum at aiariforum@gmail.com.

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