

**SCHOLARSHIP OFFERINGS & CRITERIA:**

All applications must be complete and emailed by April 4, 2025 to be considered. All scholarship monies must be used towards school expenses. A combined total of \$30,000 may be awarded.

Confirm you qualify for a scholarship by checking the box adjacent. You may select multiple scholarships:

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**AIA Rochester and Rochester Architecture Foundation (RAF) Sponsored Scholarships**

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- Applicant must be a resident of any of the seven (7) counties, or member-firm areas served by AIA Rochester.
- Applicants must be accepted and enrolled in an architecture college program for the Fall 2025 academic term. Preference will be given to students in a NAAB accredited degree program.
- Emphasis for consideration is based upon the student's written response, which should address the primary reasons driving the decision to enter the profession, and indicate what sparks a sense of passion and dedication to improving the built environment. Additional emphasis will be placed upon the applicant's contributions to the community via civic, academic, social, and leadership activities, as well as the strength of the letters of reference.

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**Myron Starks Memorial Scholarship**

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- Applicant must be a resident of any of the seven (7) counties, or member-firm areas served by AIA Rochester.
- Applicants must be accepted and enrolled in an architecture college program for the Fall 2025 academic term.

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**Women in Architecture Scholarship**

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- Scholarship will be awarded to an individual identifying as a woman who is pursuing advancement in the architectural field.
- Applicant must be a resident of any of the seven (7) counties, or member-firm areas served by AIA Rochester.
- Applicants must be accepted and enrolled in an architecture college program for the Fall 2025 academic term.
- Applicants must provide total cost of the program they are attending in the fall of 2025 and identify other grants/awards already received.
- If applying for this scholarship, within the essay, provide written response to: "If awarded, what impact will this scholarship have for you?"

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**ABOUT AIA Rochester & RAF:****Rochester Chapter, American Institute of Architects (AIA Rochester)**

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is the largest, most influential design organization in the world—a community of 98,000+ architects and design professionals who share a passion for design, a desire to change the world, and a commitment to the highest standards of practice. We provide architects and design professionals with the community, advocacy, knowledge, and support needed to drive positive change and achieve a zero-carbon, resilient, healthy, just, and equitable built environment, for everyone.

**Rochester Architecture Foundation (RAF)**

The Rochester Architecture Foundation supports initiatives that uniquely contribute to improving our region's quality of life. The Foundation fosters awareness of architecture and its impact on the Rochester community. We achieve this by funding outreach projects that promote the contributions of students, professionals, and quality design. Our key areas of focus are education, arts and culture, and design.

**APPLICATION DIRECTIONS:**

- Please keep a copy of your completed application for your records.
  - All material must be legible to be considered.
  - Save all items in PDF format.
  - Combine the Application, Applicant Statement, Resume, Acceptance Letter (if applicable), and financial information (if required) in (1) PDF.
  - Recommendation Letters and Transcripts should be emailed directly from referrers and school officials to the email provided below.
  - Assemble and email the application to the email address provided below according to the following instructions.
  - All signatures may be digital.
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**APPLICANT CHECKLIST:****PDF #1**

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Pages 3 and 4 of this Application, Applicant Statement, Resume, Acceptance Letter (if applicable), and financial information (if applying for the Women in Architecture Scholarship)

**PDF #2**

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Minimum of Two (2) Recommendation Letters (sent directly from referrers in separate email)

**PDF #3**

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Certified Transcript (sent directly from school official in separate email)

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**EMAIL THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

Executive Director Michelle Murnane at [mmurnane@aiaroc.org](mailto:mmurnane@aiaroc.org)  
Subject Line: 2025 AIA Rochester Scholarship Application – COLLEGE  
Please include the name of the applicant in the email body

All applications must be received by April 4, 2025

Application questions can be submitted to [mmurnane@aiaroc.org](mailto:mmurnane@aiaroc.org) by March 28, 2025 and will be answered in a timely manner.

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**NOTIFICATION OF RECIPIENTS:**

Scholarship recipients will be notified through the contact information provided no later than May 2, 2025.

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**APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

Applicant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the applicant identify as a woman (for Women in Architecture Scholarship)     Yes     No

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**COLLEGE INFORMATION:**

Name of School/Program  
Attending in Fall 2025: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the school NAAB accredited:     Yes     No     Under consideration

Web address of program: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Program Dean  
and Dean's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If applying for the Women in Architecture Scholarship, complete the information below:

Cost of program attending \_\_\_\_\_  
(separately list room and board, if applicable)

List all grants/awards  
(monetary value) received  
to date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PREVIOUS COLLEGE INFORMATION:** (Provide only if transferring into a new architecture school/program)

Please submit a copy of the acceptance letter for the college you will be attending in the fall.

Name of School/College: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of School/College: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School/College Major: \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPLICANT STATEMENT:**

Prepare a double-spaced, typewritten essay (Arial 11 font) of approximately 1000 words on the topic "My experience and interest in architecture." Describe how you became interested in architecture, your motivation for pursuing architecture as a career, your hopeful future in architecture, as well as how the program you're attending will help you reach your goals in architecture.

If applying for the Women in Architecture Scholarship, in addition to the above prompt, please provide a written response to the following: "If awarded, what impact will this scholarship have for you?"

Summarize with a brief paragraph indicating why you should be selected to receive a scholarship. Place the title of your essay and your name, right-hand justified, at the top of your essay.

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**LETTER OF REFERENCE:**

Provide a minimum of two (2) original letters from a faculty advisor, professor, employer, supervisor, or anyone who can attest to your architecture experience, integrity, drive, and passion. These people may not be relatives. Letters should be written to the attention of the "2025 AIA Rochester Scholarship Committee" and emailed from the referrer directly to Executive Director Michelle Murnane at [mmurnane@aiaroc.org](mailto:mmurnane@aiaroc.org).

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**RESUME:**

Provide a copy of your resume as part of this application.

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**APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE or E-SIGNATURE:**

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(by signing above, you agree that all information provided is accurate and complete)

**END OF APPLICATION**