



Florida Southwest

2023 ARCHITECTURE SCHOLARSHIPS

Students of Architecture from Southwest Florida may apply for a scholarship from the Florida Southwest Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The Chapter may award scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500 to assist with tuition and educational expenses. The number of scholarships is determined by the Scholarship Selection Committee.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be a permanent resident of Southwest Florida (Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee County Florida). A graduate of a High School or Technical School located in Southwest Florida will be considered eligible.

Students must be pursuing a Bachelor of Architecture or a Master of Architecture degree from a NAAB accredited university. Students enrolled in an Associate Degree program with intent to transfer into a NAAB accredited program are also eligible.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

Completed application packages must be received no later than 5 pm FRIDAY MAY 5, 2023 for the academic year beginning in August 2023.

Recipients will be announced May 29, 2023. Recipients are invited to participate in our annual AIAFLSW ceremony in August, which may be physical, virtual, or a hybrid event.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The application form may be downloaded from the AIAFLASW.org website. Applications must be transmitted by email to Secretary@AIAFLASW.org by the date indicated above. The PDF file name should match the student's name.

APPLICANTS CURRENTLY IN HIGH SCHOOL

Applicants currently enrolled in a High School or Technical School in SW Florida must include the following items, combined into a single PDF;

- Application form completed in its entirety, signed and dated by the applicant.
- Two signed and dated letters of recommendation on letterhead from the applicant's teachers or guidance counselors.
- Essay describing why the applicant believes they deserve this scholarship. The essay must be typed, single spaced, not more than one page in length. Essay topics may relate to obstacles and how you overcame them, how you decided to pursue architecture as a career, how you plan to use your degree after graduation, or similar topics.
- High school transcript (this may be an unofficial copy). Winners will be required to send an official transcript prior to issuing their award check.
- A copy of SAT or ACT scores and a Portfolio of student work is recommended but not required.

APPLICANTS CURRENTLY IN COLLEGE

Applicants that are permanent residents of SW Florida and are currently enrolled in any college or university must include the following items combined into a single PDF;

- Application form completed in its entirety, signed and dated by the applicant
- Two or more signed and dated letters of recommendation from the applicant's professors or employers, on letterhead.
- Essay describing why the applicant believes they deserve this scholarship, limited to one single-spaced typed page.
- Resume indicating educational experience, GPA, volunteer community service, work experience (if applicable), and career goals.
- Transcripts from colleges or universities are required for all courses attended. This may be an unofficial screen shot from the institution's web page. Winners will be required to send an official sealed transcript prior to issuing their award check.
- A sample portfolio of student works in PDF format is required for students that have already completed at least one year in Architecture, related design arts, or building technology courses.
- SAT or ACT scores are recommended but are not required.

GAP YEAR AND OTHER APPLICANTS

Other applicants that are permanent residents of SW Florida for at least one year immediately prior to the application date may apply. This includes but is not limited to gap year students, graduates from a High School located elsewhere, members of the military, etc. They must include the same items required for either high school students or college students, as applicable, and must provide proof of permanent residence upon request.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection Ranking is based on a maximum of 100 points (Academics 50 points; Financial need 10 pts, Letters of Recommendation 10 pts, Essay & Resume 10 pts, Community Involvement & Employment 10 pts, Transcripts 10 pts). The selection committee's decisions are final.

APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE POLICY

AIA FLSW reserves the right to eliminate applications from consideration which are unsigned, incomplete or missing documentation without further notice to the applicant. All applications become the property of AIA FLSW.

Award checks will be issued prior to or during the Fall semester directly to the College or University. Students are responsible for providing AIA FLSW with the appropriate contact information for the institution's Bursar office or other office responsible for receiving scholarship funds.

**WORK
EXPERIENCE**

List work experience, if any. Please include the name of the employer, city, your position, and number of months and years served for each listing.

**EXPENSE
BUDGET**

List your estimated annual expenses for the upcoming school year. Please do not underestimate actual expenses such as Health Insurance, Parking fees, Lab fees, necessary computer hardware and software, and necessary personal items. Include bus fare, cab fare, auto expenses, etc. as Transportation expenses. If living off-campus, include meals and rent as room & board.

School Tuition	_____
School Fees	_____
Room & Board	_____
Books & Supplies	_____
Transportation	_____
Miscellaneous	_____
TOTAL	_____

**AVAILABLE
FUNDS**

List only the anticipated funds available for the full upcoming school year. We recognize these are estimated amounts. If you have college savings accounts, ie 529 or Coverdell accounts, list only the amount allocated for this year, leaving a proportional amount remaining for future years.

Income from Work	_____
From College Savings	_____
From Parents	_____
From Relatives	_____
From Loans	_____
Prepaid Tuition	_____
Scholarships	_____
Grants	_____
TOTAL	_____

