



AIA Eastern Illinois

SCHOLARSHIP - 2026

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

Before applying, please read these instructions very carefully. Be sure that you meet the eligibility criteria and that you can fulfill the scholarship requirements.

Fill out the **online** application form completely. ~~Type or print clearly in black ink.~~ Please note that your application will not be considered for review unless the application, as well as all supporting material, **including one letter of recommendation are included**. In fairness to all, no exceptions will be granted. Incomplete applications cannot be considered. ~~No materials will be returned.~~

Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing open enrollment basis.

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the AIA/EIC Scholarship: • Applicants must be

U.S. Citizens

- Applicants must be at least in their sophomore year as of their enrollment for the FALL of **2026** in:
 - A professional degree in a program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB): Bachelor of Architecture degree; or Master of Architecture degree. (A program in candidacy with NAAB for accreditation is acceptable.)
 - Or a pre-professional undergraduate program at a junior college, developed for and accepted as, prerequisite to acceptance into a NAAB accredited Architecture degree program.
- Applicants must have a home residence of record within the AIA/EIC Chapter boundaries (Ford, Grundy, Iroquois, Kankakee, LaSalle, Livingston, and Will counties and the portion of Cook County, which includes the townships of Bremen, Bloom, Calumet, Lemont, Orland, Palos, Rich, Thornton and Worth) or the AIA/EIC Chapter Board approves the application for review.

Applicants who do not meet these criteria will not be considered for a scholarship. Past scholarship recipients are ineligible.

The year covered by this scholarship application is from FALL **2026** through June 30, **2027**. MINIMUM scholarship(s) of \$1,000.00 are awarded for a one-year period to cover tuition, fees, and other school-related expenses. Scholarships cannot be used for expenses incurred before the one-year period covered by this scholarship application.

~~No cover letter is necessary. Be sure to keep a copy of your application in case the original is lost in the mail.~~

Applicants will be notified of awards by the board of directors of the American Institute of Architects Eastern Illinois Chapter. Please do not call for other information on the status of your application. To maximize the funds available for scholarships, the program does not have staff available to respond to such inquiries.