

AIA Las Vegas Scholarships

Investing in Tomorrow's Visionary Architects

"The future success of the architectural profession depends on the development of well-prepared architects who are able to accept the challenges of the future.

Through the commitment of the AIA Las Vegas Scholarship Program, the Chapter provides financial assistance and critical review to students in Nevada to assist them in their education and the development of their architectural acumen, awareness, and understanding."

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AIA 1st & 2nd Year Scholarships



The AIA Las Vegas Scholarship Committee will offer one scholarship for incoming 1st and 2nd year students for use in the 2025 Fall Semester.

The AIA Nevada Diversity Scholarship For BIPOC Scholars:

\$1,000

This annual scholarship is established by the Nevada Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, specifically for incoming 1st and 2nd year students, with the primary purpose of providing greater educational opportunities to aspiring Black, Indigenous, and People of Color scholars throughout the State, and to assist them in advancing their education in the field of architecture.

Criteria for Selection:

- Architecture students that have completed/will complete senior year in high school or 1st year with full-time standing (12 credits) and entering either 1st or 2nd year for the 2025 Fall Semester at the UNLV School of Architecture.
- Good academic standing with a minimum 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA is required.
- Quality of student essay.
- AIA Las Vegas reserves the right not to award the advertised scholarships if it is determined by the committee there are no qualified candidates.

Submission Requirements:

- APPLICATION: Completion of AIA 1st & 2nd year scholarship application form with NSHE Institution email.
- TRANSCRIPT: Submit an unofficial transcript, verified by SoA liaison.
- ESSAY: Compose a 500 to 600-word personal statement describing your financial need, including a declaration that states your talents, desire, and achievements in pursuit of becoming a registered architect.

NOTE: The use of AI will disqualify you from current and future scholarship opportunities with AIA and its affiliates.

The PDF file must be labeled as follows:

YOUR NAME, 1ST & 2ND YEAR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND THE YEAR.

For example: Janie Doe, 1st & 2nd Year Scholarship Application 2025

Process of the Award:

- **All submissions must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, May 30, 2025.**
- AIA Las Vegas Scholarship Committee will evaluate the information provided on the scholarship application.
- Compliance with selection criteria will be verified.
- A member of the AIA Scholarship Committee will review the essay and application form.

The scholarship funds will be administered through the NSHE Institution Financial Services Office allowing the student to use the money for tuition, books, housing, and other costs related to their architectural studies.

AIA 3rd Year Scholarships



The AIA Las Vegas Scholarship Committee will offer two **3rd** year scholarships for use in the 2025 Fall Semester.

Felicia Friedlander Memorial & Hal Dean, AIA Memorial Scholarship: **\$2,000**

Hal Dean, AIA is known as a talented architect, author, educator, and an excellent Ink Sketch Artist. He believed in the importance of using all of one's senses to perceive and capture the world using sketching - The Art of Craft. The Felicia Friedlander Memorial & Hal Dean, AIA Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a student who has a financial need, demonstrates a talent for free-hand architectural drawing, and a commitment to improving the built environment and the community.

KNIT Scholarship: **\$1,000**

The KNIT Scholarship has been established to promote leadership in your community and in the profession through commitment and design.

Criteria for Selection:

- Architecture students that have completed/will complete 2nd year with full-time standing (12 credits) and entering 3rd year for the 2025 Fall Semester at the UNLV School of Architecture.
- Good academic standing with a minimum 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA is required.
- Quality of student essay and portfolio.
- AIA Las Vegas reserves the right not to award the advertised scholarships if it is determined by the committee there are no qualified candidates.

Submission Requirements:

- **APPLICATION:** Completion of AIA 3rd year scholarship application form with NSHE Institution email.
- **TRANSCRIPT:** Submit an unofficial transcript, verified by SoA liaison.
- **PORTFOLIO:** Submit a portfolio featuring a minimum of 5 hand sketches, drawings, or renderings, along with additional project images to support your essay, all within a maximum of 6 pages (8.5x11 inches) and a 20 MB file size limit.
- **ESSAY:** Select one prompt to compose a 500-600 word narrative based on the choices below:
 - Option 1: Describe your passion for sketching, how it supports your design process and hone your design skills.
 - Option 2: Describe your leadership or involvement in a community-based organization and how this involvement helps elevate the profession of architecture.

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The PDF file must be labeled as follows:

YOUR NAME, 3RD YEAR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND THE YEAR.

For example: Janie Doe, 3rd Year Scholarship Application 2025

Process of the Award:

- **All submissions must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, May 30, 2025.**
- AIA Las Vegas Scholarship Committee will evaluate the information provided on the scholarship application.
- Compliance with selection criteria will be verified.
- A member from Knit and Members of the AIA Scholarship Committee who value the ability to capture the essence of an architectural structure through free-hand drawing will review the application form and sketches.

The scholarship funds will be administered through the NSHE Institution Financial Services Office allowing the student to use the money for tuition, books, housing, and other costs related to their architectural studies.

AIA 4th Year Scholarships



The AIA Las Vegas Scholarship Committee will offer two **4th** year scholarships for use in the 2025 Fall Semester.

Ric Licata, FAIA Memorial & William Snyder, FAIA Honorary Scholarship: **\$2,000**

The Ric Licata, FAIA Memorial & William Snyder, FAIA Honorary Scholarship is awarded to a student who has financial need and who demonstrates talent, desire, and achievement in the pursuit of academic excellence.

Dwayne Eshenbaugh, AIA Honorary Scholarship: **\$1,000**

Dwayne Eshenbaugh, AIA Honorary Scholarship is awarded to a student who demonstrates a desire to achieve in the face of adversity.

Criteria for Selection:

- Architecture students that have completed/will complete 3rd year with full-time standing (12 credits) and entering 4th year for the 2025 Fall Semester at the UNLV School of Architecture.
- Good academic standing with a minimum 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA is required.
- Completion of Spring 2025 Studio Project.
- Quality of student essay and portfolio.
- AIA Las Vegas reserves the right not to award the advertised scholarships if it is determined by the committee there are no qualified candidates.

Submission Requirements:

- APPLICATION: Completion of AIA 4th year scholarship application form with NSHE Institution email
- TRANSCRIPT: Submit an unofficial transcript, verified by SoA liaison.
- PORTFOLIO: Submit one design project that best illustrates your passion in improving the built environment, all within a maximum of 6 pages (8.5x11 inches) and a 20 MB file size limit.
- ESSAY: Select one prompt to compose a 500-600 word narrative based on the choices below:
 - Option 1: Describe your future career goals and your commitment to improving the built environment through design.
 - Option 2: Describe how, in the face of exceptional personal challenges, you have achieved success in the UNLV School of Architecture.

NOTE: The use of AI will disqualify you from current and future scholarship opportunities with AIA and its affiliates.

The PDF file must be labeled as follows:

YOUR NAME, 4TH YEAR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND THE YEAR

For example: Janie Doe, 4th Year Scholarship Application 2025

Process of the Award:

- **All submissions must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, May 30, 2025.**
- AIA Las Vegas Scholarship Committee will evaluate the information provided on the scholarship application.
- Compliance with selection criteria will be verified.
- Members of the AIA Scholarship Committee will review the application materials. Mr. Dwayne Eshenbaugh, AIA may make the final selection for his scholarship.

The scholarship funds will be administered through the NSHE Institution Financial Services Office allowing the student to use the money for tuition, books, housing, and other costs related to their architectural studies.

AIA 5th Year Scholarship



The AIA Las Vegas Scholarship Committee along with Bergman, Walls & Associates will offer one **5th** year scholarship for use in the 2025 Fall Semester for students with concentration on hospitality and entertainment.

Joel Bergman, AIA Memorial Scholarship:

\$2,500

The Joel Bergman, AIA Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a student who demonstrates exceptional talent, desire, and achievement with concentration on hospitality and entertainment.

Criteria for Selection:

- Must be an applicant to the UNLV School of Architecture's Master of Architecture Program for the 2025 fall semester. Scholarship is contingent on the School of Architecture Admissions Committee decision of acceptance and the full-time enrollment of the student in the UNLV SoA Master's program.
- Good academic standing with a minimum 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA is required.
- Quality of student essay and portfolio.
- Candidates must provide a portfolio of projects evidencing design skills.
- AIA Las Vegas and Bergman, Walls & Associates reserve the right not to award the advertised scholarships if it is determined by the committee there are no qualified candidates.

Submission Requirements:

- APPLICATION: Completion of AIA 5th year scholarship application form with NSHE Institution email
- TRANSCRIPT: Submit an unofficial transcript, verified by SoA liaison.
- PORTFOLIO & ESSAY: Submit a portfolio with up to 3 previous academic or personal projects (architectural, graphic design, art, sculpture, etc.). Each project should be limited to 2 pages maximum, accompanied by a 500-600 word description that describes each project/design. The entire portfolio should be a maximum of 6 pages (8.5x11 inches) and a 20 MB file size limit.

NOTE: The use of AI will disqualify you from current and future scholarship opportunities with AIA and its affiliates.

The PDF file must be labeled as follows:

YOUR NAME, 5TH YEAR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND THE YEAR.

For example: Janie Doe, 5th Year Scholarship Application 2025

Process of the Award:

- **All submissions must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, May 30, 2025.**
- AIA Las Vegas Scholarship Committee and principals of Bergman, Walls & Associates will evaluate the information provided on the scholarship application.
- Compliance with selection criteria will be verified.
- The AIA Scholarship Committee and principals of Bergman, Walls & Associates will review the application materials. BWA may contact qualified candidates directly to arrange a personal interview prior to making the final selection of the scholarship recipient.

The scholarship funds will be administered through the NSHE Institution Financial Services Office allowing the student to use the money for tuition, books, housing, and other costs related to their architectural studies.

AIA 6th Year Scholarships



The AIA Las Vegas Scholarship Committee will offer **6th** year scholarships for use in the 2025 Fall Semester.

Harry O. Ray, AIA Memorial & AIA Las Vegas Scholarship: \$2,500

It is awarded to a 6th year student based on the presentation of their spring project. Applicants should clearly demonstrate talent, desire, achievement in pursuit of academic excellence, and understanding of their design conclusions and how their curiosity exploring all aspects influenced their design.

Criteria for Selection:

- Architecture students that have completed/will complete 5th year with full-time standing (9 credits or 6 with Graduate Assistantship) and entering 6th year for the 2025 Fall Semester at the UNLV School of Architecture.
- Good academic standing with a minimum 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA is required for Design Studio courses.
- Completion of Spring 2025 Studio Project.
- Quality of student essay and portfolio.
- AIA Las Vegas reserves the right not to award the advertised scholarships if it is determined by the committee there are no qualified candidates.

Submission Requirements:

- **APPLICATION:** Completion of AIA 6th year scholarship application form with NSHE Institution email
- **TRANSCRIPT:** Submit an unofficial transcript, verified by SoA liaison.
- **PORTFOLIO:** Submit 5th year final project design portfolio and other documentation, all within 8.5x11 inch pages and a 20 MB file size limit.
- **ESSAY:** Compose a 500-600 word essay describing the design process, exploration, and impact of the final concept.

NOTE: *The use of AI will disqualify you from current and future scholarship opportunities with AIA and its affiliates.*

The PDF file must be labeled as follows:

YOUR NAME, 6TH YEAR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND THE YEAR.

For example: Janie Doe, 6th Year Scholarship Application 2025

Process of the Award:

- **All submissions must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, May 30, 2025.**
- AIA Las Vegas Scholarship Committee will evaluate the information provided on the scholarship application.
- Compliance with selection criteria will be verified.
- Members of the AIA Scholarship Committee will review the application materials. Mr. William Snyder, FAIA may make the final selection for the scholarship recipient.

The scholarship funds will be administered through the NSHE Institution Financial Services Office allowing the student to use the money for tuition, books, housing, and other costs related to their architectural studies.