



Black American Diversity Scholarship AIA Miami

Architecture plays a visceral and a visually vital role in the shaping of our communities, yet the Architecture profession is profoundly lacking in diversity, specifically Black American representation. While Black Americans make up 13% of the US population, out of the 115,000 nationally registered architects, they represent a dismal 2.5% with Black American women representing a staggering less than 0.5%. In its continued commitment to actionable accountability through increasing the diversification of the Architectural profession, AIA Miami is initiating a scholarship program specific to the advancement of Black Americans into the profession. The scholarship will strategically focus on education, with the purposeful aim of providing opportunities to facilitate an increase in the number of black American architecture graduates; with the potential of becoming licensed professionals, a forward step in closing the racial disparity gap within the profession.

The Black American Diversity scholarship supports the recruitment and retention of Black Americans in accredited architectural degree programs by assisting scholarship recipients with offsetting the cost of tuition, books, and materials. A minimum of one scholarship valued up to \$1,500 will be awarded annually. The number and value of awards may vary year-to-year based on applications and available funds.

Each scholarship recipient receives AIA Miami community exposure, in addition to the funds towards an architecture NAAB accredited degree cost.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must identify as black or of African American descent
- US citizen/resident
- Proof of student home residence in Miami-Dade or Monroe County
- Active enrollment in an NAAB accredited academic institution in the USA; OR acceptance into an NAAB accredited academic institution in the USA

SCHEDULE

- Open: July 24, 2020
- Deadline: September 4, 2020 by 5 pm EST
- Recipient Notification: October 1, 2020
- Official Announcement: AIA Miami Design Awards Gala, AIA Miami website and social media accounts - headshot needed



APPLICATION CRITERIA

Applicant must submit the following in PDF format:

- Completed Scholarship Application
- Headshot
- Proof of Active enrollment in an NAAB accredited academic institution in the USA; OR letter of acceptance into an NAAB accredited academic institution in the USA
- Proof of Miami-Dade or Monroe County residency
- Portfolio/Work Sample
- Two Letters of Recommendation from a teacher/professor or someone in the architecture profession
- Letter of Interest
 - A brief introduction of applicant outlining why applicant has decided to pursue a degree in architecture and how applicant envisions themselves impacting the profession. Include achievements in and out of school such as community involvement, volunteering, club associations, academic awards, etc. Include a brief statement of financial need and how the scholarship will be used - books, supplies, tuition, etc. (1,000 word maximum)
- Minimum GPA of 3.2

Scholarships are awarded based on recommendations of the selection committee, as appointed by the AIA Miami board.

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- Transcript documenting GPA

All materials are to be submitted together in one PDF file, maximum size 10 mb. Send submission to info@aiamiami.org only, no hard copy applications will be accepted.

None of the submitted materials will be returned to the applicant and may be retained and used by AIA Miami.

Questions? Contact AIA Miami, info@aiamiami.org



NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

CURRENT ACADEMIC INSTITUTION (ACCEPTED OR ATTENDING):

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF AIAS? Y N

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS SCHOLARSHIP?

HAVE YOU INTERNED AT AN ARCHITECTURE OR INTERIOR DESIGN OFFICE?
IF YES, WHERE:

HAVE YOU EVER PARTICIPATED IN AIA MIAMI'S AIM (ARCHITECTS IN THE MAKING) SUMMER PROGRAM?
IF SO, WHAT YEAR:

HAVE YOU EVER PARTICIPATED IN BAM (BLACK ARCHITECTS IN THE MAKING) AS A VOLUNTEER OR STUDENT?
IF SO, WHAT YEAR:

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE AIA MIAMI MENTORSHIP PROGRAM?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR AN AIA MIAMI EVENT?

HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN AIA MIAMI PROGRAMS?

Sketch Tours

Historic Architecture Tours

Women's Leadership Summit

Design Awards Gala

Town Hall Discussions

Educational Programs

Committees

List Committee Involvement

Hard Hat Tours

Scavenger Hunts