



Southern New York Chapter

Open Letter to School Principals, Assistant Superintendents, Guidance Counselors and Career Development Counselors of Curriculum:

RE: 2026 Architecture Scholarship Program

The Southern New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIASNY) is proud to announce that we are now accepting applications for the 2026 Architectural Scholarship Program. These scholarships are jointly funded with contributions from AIA National and AIA Southern New York. One scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$2,000.00.

This scholarship targets 94 high schools in the AIASNY ten county area. Now in its fourth year, this program has provided \$14,000 to date in financial support to future architects. To be eligible, students must reside in Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland (Southern), Delaware, Otsego, Schuylar, Steuben, Tioga, or Tompkins counties. They must be a High School senior beginning an architecture program in Fall 2026. Preference will be given to students enrolled in NAAB accredited programs.

Applications shall be received no later than **April 22, 2026**. Incomplete applications are not eligible for consideration and will not be reviewed. Questions may be submitted via email to Linda B. Hewitt at lbhewitt@aiaroc.org. The application form can be accessed here [AIASNY Scholarship Page](#).

AIASNY will notify the awardee within two weeks of receipt of the application. AIASNY will attend a school award event to present the award and awardee shall notify AIASNY upon acceptance of the award.

We look forward to your students' participation and wish them success!

Sincerely,

Linda B. Hewitt, Hon. AIANYS
Associate Director

Jeffery T. Smith, AIA
Scholarship Chair

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Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland (Southern), Delaware, Otsego, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins

2026 Scholarship Application

\$2,000.00

APPLICATION CRITERIA:

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following qualifications:

- Applicant must be a resident of any of the ten (10) counties served by the Chapter listed above
- Applicants must be accepted and enrolled in an architecture college program for the Fall 2026 academic term. All scholarship monies must be used towards school expenses.
- Preference will be given to those enrolled in an NAAB accredited program.
- All applications must be completed and received by **April 22, 2026** to be considered
- Provide three (3) separate .pdf documents titled as noted in sections below.
- Applications and questions should be emailed to lbhewitt@aiaroc.org. Subject line shall be **2026 AIASNY Scholarship**
- Awardees will be notified through contact information provided.

AWARDEE CRITERIA:

- Upon notice of the award, awardee will be provided and shall complete and return a **Student Demographics Form**.
- The awardee shall participate in an award presentation program, a component meeting, or an event to be recognized.
- Awardee shall submit a photograph and quote for use in a press release, members email, and website announcement.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact E-mail Address: _____

Current High School: _____

Signature of Counselor or Principal: _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING

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

Name of School Attending _____

Primary Contact Person _____ Contact Email Address _____

Contact Mailing Address: _____ Contact Phone Number _____

Is the school NAAB accredited: ____ Yes ____ No ____ Under consideration

School Web Address: _____ Student ID# _____

APPLICANT STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Provide approximately 500 words on the topic **“Why I Chose Architecture”**. Clearly describe how you became interested in architecture, your motivation for pursuing architecture as a career, your hopeful future in architecture, as well as how you believe the program you will be attending will help you reach your goals in architecture.

Provide a paragraph indicating why you should be selected to receive a scholarship. For example, demonstrate why certain hardships may prevent you from achieving your architecture goal.

LETTER OF REFERENCE

Provide a minimum of two or more original letter(s) from a guidance counselor, teacher, mentor, employer, supervisor, or some other person that has been involved with your Architecture experiences. This person may not be a relative or guardian. Letter(s) should be written to the attention of **AIASNY Scholarship Committee** and include contact information of the author.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of Guidance Counselor: _____

Counselor’s Telephone Number: _____

Counselor’s Email Address: _____

SAT or ACT Scores (if taken):

SAT/ACT Math	SAT/ACT Verbal	ACT/ACT Math	SAT/ACT English

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____ (calculated from your transcript)

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

PDF #2

YOUR INTEREST IN ARCHITECTURE

Provide a graphic example of your work. Open to interpretation, creativity and expression. Photography, art, sculpture, drawing, image, craft, handiwork...

PDF #3

TRANSCRIPT

- This section to be provided by HS counselor or principal.
- Official Transcript: Provide a signed or e-signed certified transcript.
- Clearly indicate on the transcript “honors” or “advanced placement” courses with test scores and any courses completed from a college or university curriculum for which high school credit is earned.
- Include a listing of courses for the Fall and Spring of the 12th grade, a description of the curriculum, and grading system used.

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