



ASSOCIATION OF
UNIVERSITY
INTERIOR DESIGNERS

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Association of University Interior Designers (AUID) is a non-profit organization established in 1979 by several Interior Designers from Midwestern universities to provide a means of networking and interaction for “in-house” designers and directors of campus facilities who work in institutions of higher education. Since 1979, membership has grown significantly and AUID has representatives from across the nation. Our organization strives to support upcoming interior designers and has created a scholarship to help students with their professional development costs.

Eligibility to Apply for This Scholarship:

An applicant must currently be an undergraduate interior design or interior architecture student currently attending an accredited institution at the time of application, or a 2026 graduate. *Previous winners cannot re-apply for two years after their initial award.*

Procedures:

To apply, fill out the form on the AUID website and email deliverables listed below to Dorothy Smatt. *Applicants will not be considered should any deliverables be missing or incomplete.*

1. **Cover Letter:** Cover letter should provide a personal statement detailing your aspirations and goals for the design degree as well as how you intend on using the scholarship.
2. **Resume:** Resume to include work experience, honors/awards, extracurricular activities, organization memberships and positions held, degrees pursuing, and any other pertinent information.
3. **Portfolio:** Portfolio should display interior design projects only; architectural projects will not be accepted. Students should use the [provided template](#) to create their portfolio submission. Page 1 will showcase the best interior design work with details of project scope. Page 2 to showcase thumbnails of other works. Provide narrative for projects on pages 2 in the comment section.
4. **Letter of recommendation:** applicant must provide contact information for a reference. This may be a present or former employer, a design professional, or a professor having direct knowledge of your academic and work performance within your degree program. We will contact them directly with a virtual survey to include with the student's application.

Application Deadline: **September 18, 2026 12:00 Noon EST**

Review and Award: The scholarship winner(s) will receive cash awards, ranging from \$1,000-\$2,500. The submittals will be evaluated on professional writing skills, strength of resume, and the demonstration of understanding of code compliance, creativity, and presentation skills in the portfolio.

The AUID Scholarship Committee will be responsible for reviewing and selecting winners from all complete applications. In the event of a tie, the final decision will be made by the committee and the AUID Board.

Recipient Notification and Disbursement of Award Funds: Finalists will be notified mid-September and asked for permission to share applicant's photograph and portfolio at the AUID Annual Conference.

Winners will be notified by email no later than October 16, 2026. Scholarship award checks will be sent by direct deposit or check.

Application Form: <http://www.auid.org/index.php/scholarships/>
Deliverables to be submitted in a single PDF to: ds matt@purdue.edu

Portfolio Template Link: [Canva](#)