

SUBMISSION DUE

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11:59PM PST**

The Chester & Diana Widom Architectural Education Scholarship



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SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Page 1: Letter of Support on letterhead detailing personal and professional contributions. *Must be from an Educator or AIA Member. Must have 1, may include up to 3.*

Section 2: Resume

Section 3: Essay answering the following prompt:

- What motivates your pursuit of architecture, and how do you envision contributing to the profession? Discuss both the experiences that have shaped your interest and your goals for the future.
- **1-2pgs, 12pt font**

Section 4: Design Portfolio

- Minimum of 2 projects should be included in your portfolio and it should not exceed 8 pages.
- Include a brief narrative on each project.
- **Clearly designate your role in group projects.**

[Learn more on AIA credit guidelines here.](#)

Entry submissions are uploaded as individual documents in portrait orientation, 8 1/2 x 11 size. Submission may not exceed 8MB.

Proof of Enrollment: An official school statement, ID or class schedule must also be provided. This will be requested if you are selected for the scholarship.



ABOUT

The Chester & Diana Widom Architectural Education Scholarship was established in 2017 by Chet Widom, FAIA and his wife Diana Widom in honor of Paul Welch Jr. Hon AIA.

This scholarship provides opportunities to community college students from California to pursue their architectural education.



ELIGIBILITY

- California resident
- Community college student newly accepted to an accredited school of architecture
- Proof of enrollment upon selection for the scholarship



THE PRIZE

Scholarship recipients will receive up to \$5,000 to help offset the costs of higher education in architecture and design.

Awards can be used for qualified tuition and related expenses and/or to otherwise improve or enhance your capacity, skill or talent in the field of architecture.

Need assistance? Contact Ashley Taylor, Awards and Scholarship Coordinator, at the email below.



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