

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

2024 WxLA-MN Diversity Scholarship

The Minnesota chapter of **Womxn in Landscape Architecture (WxLA)** is dedicated to increasing transparency, leadership and representation for womxn (women, women-identifying, and non-binary people) in the profession by providing mentorship and scholarship opportunities, encouraging supportive discussion and exchange of ideas, and establishing a virtual home for members.

The WxLA-MN Diversity Scholarship was established to strengthen landscape architectural practice by fostering diversity in our profession. Because we know that diverse groups of creative problem solvers consistently outperform homogeneous groups, our profession needs to include individuals from diverse backgrounds.

One applicant will be awarded \$3,000 and recognized before professional peers at the ASLA–MN Annual Award Banquet on **Friday, April 26th, 2024**. Complimentary banquet registration is included with the award. Award recipients will also be invited to meet with the scholarship donors at the banquet or on a separate date.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Eligible applicants may be students currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture or the Master of Landscape Architecture program at the University of Minnesota, and must also meet at least one of the two criteria listed below. This award is open to current and incoming, domestic and international students of any gender.

- Be individuals of a historically excluded community, based on race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability differences, socioeconomic status, first generation college students, etc.
- Be contributors to our field around the topics of equity and inclusion.

Priority will be given to applicants from diverse and underrepresented racial or ethnic populations.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Please use the online form, located at <https://aslamn.wufoo.com/forms/2024-wxlamn-diversity-scholarship/>

1. Please prepare a letter of interest (500 word maximum) that includes the following:
 - Describe why you are passionate for landscape architecture.
 - Describe your professional goals.

- Describe how your individual background and/or life experiences have shaped you and your approach to landscape architecture.
- Explain how you meet the criteria for this award.

2. Imagery: Up to (4) pages of carefully composed graphics and images that showcase your work, involvement, and strengths. A portfolio-quality layout that is clear (labels and captions), organized (thoughtful and compelling), and supports your narrative is highly encouraged. File size shall not exceed 25MB and shall be in PDF format.

3. Communications Content:

- Selected applicants will be asked to provide:
 - Images for public media and announcement purposes and will be asked to sign a release agreement that time.
 - Images of yourself for award announcement purposes. We recommend one headshot and one action photograph.

ENTRY DEADLINE

Monday, March 18, 2024 (5:00 pm)

Applications will be reviewed by a team of 3-5 jurors from ASLA-MN & WxLA-MN representing academic, private, and public sectors of Landscape Architecture.

AWARD NOTIFICATION

Award notification will be in April before the awards banquet.

QUESTIONS

WxLA-MN co-chairs, Rachel Burand, Laura Kamin-Lyndgaard (wilaminnnesota@gmail.com) or WxLA-MN U of M Liaison Rebecca Krinke (rjkrinke@umn.edu)