



**The Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter
of The American Institute of Architects
Scholarship Fund of The Luzerne Foundation**



Scholarship Criteria

The NEPA Chapter of AIA Scholarship Fund was established and funded by members of the NEPA Chapter of American Institute of Architects (“AIA”) to provide scholarship assistance to qualified applicants who are serious about their long-term pursuit of architecture as a profession and career. They recognize that architecture is as much an art as it is a science, which requires significant commitment from its students. They, as AIA members, commit themselves to be mentors and encourage students to live and practice their profession within Northeastern Pennsylvania after graduation.

THIS AWARD IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS OF ARCHITECTURE AND DOES NOT INCLUDE FIELDS OF INTERIOR DESIGN/ARCHITECTURE OR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE.

Monies from this Fund will be awarded as a non-renewable scholarship, annually, to **EITHER:**

1). **ANY “local” area student(s) who have received their high school diploma, and/or received a 2-year Associate Degree and have been admitted into AND ARE ATTENDING any NAAB accredited (or NAAB Candidate) Bachelor of Architecture or Master of Architecture program.**

2). **ANY STUDENT ATTENDING A “LOCAL” NAAB ACCREDITED (OR NAAB-CANDIDATE) BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE OR MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM.**

The term “local” shall include permanent residence **OR LOCATION** in any of the following nine counties of Pennsylvania:

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| 1. Bradford | 4. Luzerne | 7. Susquehanna |
| 2. Columbia | 5. Pike | 8. Wayne |
| 3. Lackawanna | 6. Sullivan | 9. Wyoming |

A wide range of factors will be considered by the selection committee in determining scholarship awards. These factors include, but are not limited to, the quality of design represented in the student's portfolio of work, the economic need for assistance in meeting tuition expenses, and the student's academic achievements. Each applicant will have the opportunity to share what they believe qualifies them as a candidate for a scholarship in the essay portion of the submission.

~Deadline for submission is Friday, May 29, 2026~



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REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

In addition to the two-page application form (pages 2-3), your complete application must also contain:

1. A copy of your **unofficial** transcript from your present or most recently attended college or university.
2. A personal statement (approximately 300-500 words in length, double spaced) using the prompt: “What I can contribute to the architectural community of NEPA.” Your statement should include information that would help us in knowing you and in determining your eligibility or need, especially in recognition of the eligibility criteria for this scholarship (example: what factors influenced your desire to study architecture, how you are financing your education; and/or future goals.)
3. A sample architectural portfolio. Please provide high-resolution (300dpi) digital images in JPEG or TIFF format only. Maximum acceptable size is 11” x 17”.

I understand that the information contained in my application may be shared with the scholarship advisory committee and /or scholarship sponsor. I acknowledge that all materials submitted in this application become the property of The Luzerne Foundation. Submission of my portfolio grants NEPA AIA the one (1) time right to display digital images of my portfolio at the NEPA AIA Annual Dinner.

Applicant’s signature: _____ Date: _____

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Please submit completed applications to:

The Luzerne Foundation
Scholarship Processing

at

Donna@luzfdn.org