

2017 Scholarship Program Application Process

Boston Society of Landscape Architects Fund (BSLA Fund), the new charitable foundation created by Boston Society of Landscape Architects has become one of the largest scholarship programs in the nation for Landscape Architecture students. Since its inception in 2009, \$45,000 in scholarships has been awarded to well deserving students.

In 2017, BSLA Fund will again offer up to six \$2,000 scholarships. The scholarship awards are to be used for tuition, books, supplies, and the like.

Students must meet the prerequisites detailed below and completed applications will be reviewed by a jury of BSLA members. It is the intent of BSLA Fund to provide at least two undergraduate and at least two graduate scholarships, however, the qualifications of the submissions will prevail in determining the scholarship recipients. BSLA Fund reserves the right to disqualify incomplete or late applications or those where directions or not followed.

Prerequisites

1. Applicants must meet *one* of these two conditions:

- legal resident of either Massachusetts or Maine **and** be enrolled in a degree-granting, accredited undergraduate or graduate landscape architecture program **and** an ASLA member (Student, Associate, Full, or Affiliate).

OR

- be enrolled in a degree-granting, accredited landscape architecture program in Massachusetts or Maine **and** an ASLA member (Student, Associate, Full, or Affiliate).

2. Applicants must provide verification from their college/university that they are currently enrolled. A scan of the school ID is acceptable verification.

3. Applicants must be an ASLA member (Student, Associate, Affiliate, or Full) and provide his/her membership number which will be verified with ASLA. Membership in only the university club is not sufficient.

4. Applicants must have maintained a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a GPA scale of 4.0 for all courses taken to date at the college or university.

Timeline

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| Late January, 2017 | Scholarship Info Session (Time/Place TBA) |
| March 31, 2017 Noon | Application Submission Deadline |
| April, 2017 | Selection Jury meets to review applications |
| April, 2017 | Scholarship Recipients Announced |
| May 11, 2017 | Scholarship Recipients recognized and scholarship awards presented at BSLA Celebration + Gala <i>Gala Scholarship Sponsor: R.P. Marzilli & Co.</i> |

Application Requirements

Complete the online scholarship application, accessible at www.BSLAnow.org/career/scholarships, and upload the following via the same form. *Note: All documents/information must be completed prior to starting the application as the system does not have the ability to save and return to the application at a later date. All information must be submitted in one session.*

1. A brief, signed statement (400 word maximum) outlining
 - (a) why you are requesting this scholarship, and
 - (b) why you chose Landscape Architecture as your field of study.
2. An 8 ½" x 11" PDF portfolio of your student work to-date. The portfolio shall consist of a cover and three 2-page spreads maximum (e.g. two pages / project). (Note: Save pages as individual 8 ½ x 11 pages in a compiled pdf, not spreads if exporting from InDesign). Portfolio can be a combination of images, text, sketches, etc. as appropriate to represent your work and approach to Landscape Architecture.
3. A copy of your current transcript.
4. A scan of your current student ID card.
5. **Two** letters of recommendation from faculty/staff or person that is familiar with you personally or professionally. References may also email them directly to ChapterOffice@BSLAnow.org. The subject line must read "Scholarship Recommendation: <Your Last Name>".
6. Optional: Include one additional 8.5 x11 page reflecting a passion or interest of yours (e.g., photography, botany, woodworking, etc.).