



The Tile Contractors' Association of America's 2008 Architecture Scholarship for Professional Degree Candidates

General Information and Instructions for Applicants

THE PROGRAM

The Tile Contractors' Association of America (TCAA) is a national trade association representing tile and stone installation companies throughout the United States who are members of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen. In 2001, TCAA established a merit scholarship program to award funds to students of architecture. In 2005, TCAA set up a trust fund with the Truman Heartland Heritage Foundation and the association currently funds two \$2,000 scholarships each year for qualifying students.

APPLICATIONS

Application forms can be obtained at www.tcaainc.org, by contacting TCAA at 1-800-655-8453, or via email to patty@tcaainc.org.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be enrolled and working toward a professional degree in architecture and can be:

- In the third or fourth year of a five-year program that results in a BArch or equivalent
- In the fourth or fifth year of a six-year program (4+2 or other combination) that results in an MArch or equivalent
- In the first, second or third year of a three- to four-year program which results in a MArch within the Architecture discipline. The majority of credit courses must be earned in a campus environment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The following is required from each applicant:

- A completed original scholarship application
- A transcript from each academic institution for immediate past 4 semesters.
- Two letters of recommendation
- A résumé
- A personal statement describing educational goals as they relate to architecture
- A list of previous awards, scholarships, and financial aid received as an architecture student
- A statement of academic ranking and grade point average, signed by the dean or administrative head of the Architectural or Design department

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE INCLUDED IN WITH THE APPLICATION.

AWARDS

- Two awards will be presented each year. The scholarship amount is \$2,000 per award. Only one award will be given per student.
- Scholarships are awarded beginning summer 2008. The award may not be used retroactively, however the check must be issued in the name of the applicant and an appropriate university.
- Awards are announced on July 1, 2008.

DEADLINE EXTENDED

Applications and all accompanying information, including transcripts and letters of recommendation must be postmarked no later than **MAY 1, 2008** and mailed to:

Patty Nolte
Executive Director
Tile Contractors' Association of America
4 East 113th Terrace
Kansas City, MO 64114-5448

SELECTION

TCAA has sole authority for granting the scholarship awards. TCAA members serving on the Scholarship Committee select the winners. Recipients are selected on the basis of academic performance, recommendations, and the personal statement.

All decisions are final. Applications and attachments become the property of the American Architectural Foundation.



APPLICANT: Please type or print all sections of the application. Make sure your name and application number appears on all attachments. Use only the official scholarship application issued to you. Please make a copy for your records before submitting.

PERSONAL DATA

Social Security Number _____ - ____ - _____

U.S. citizen ! Yes ! No

Name _____ Male/Female _____

Permanent address Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Current address Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
(Where results of scholarship can be sent)

Telephone (where you can be reached if additional information is needed) _____ Email address _____

Place of Birth City _____ State _____ Country _____

ACADEMIC RECORD

List the academic institutions you have attended since high school in chronological order, the first being the most recent. A transcript from each school listed, including the institution in which you are currently enrolled, is required. If your complete academic record is contained in a single transcript, it is not necessary to request the information from each institution.

1. Name of school _____ Dates attended/degree _____

2. Name of school _____ Dates attended/degree _____

3. Name of school _____ Dates attended/degree _____

Identify the school you will attend during the Fall 2008 academic year. If different from where you are currently attending, please note.

School _____ Current year in program _____ Year in program in 2006 _____

Degree anticipated _____ Anticipated graduation date _____

Type of degree program (check one)

! Five-year BArch ! Six-year MArch ! Three- to four-year MArch ! Other _____

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

List previous awards and scholarships you have received as an architecture student.

Source of Award	Amount	Duration of award
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PERSONAL STATEMENT

Submit a one 1-1½ page double spaced typed essay (approx. 500 words, at least 11-point font) that clearly states your educational goals as they relate to your future professional career. Use the following outline for your statement. Include information about your interests and extracurricular activities, community work, and work experience and how they affect or influence your education. Use a separate sheet of paper and enter your name and application number in the top right corner.

- State your education goals.
- Identify the areas of study you intend to pursue to meet the goals.
- Clearly state your involvement in these specific areas.
- Explain how you intend to apply these interests to the architectural profession.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE TCAA ARCHITECTURE SCHOLARSHIP FOR PROFESSIONAL DEGREE CANDIDATES

Photocopy this form and use to submit two recommendations. One recommendation should be from a member of the architectural profession or a related field; the others should be from faculty members. The recommendations must be submitted with your application.

This section to be completed by the applicant

Name of applicant University attending

Name of recommender

- ! I waive my right to inspect this appraisal when completed and understand that it will remain confidential.
- ! I do not waive my right to review this appraisal.

TO THE RECOMMENDER

The above named student is applying for the **TCAA Architecture Scholarship for Professional Degree Candidates**. Please provide a candid evaluation of the applicants past performance and promise for the future. Complete the rating chart below and provide additional comments either on the back of the form or, preferably, on your office or school letterhead. The recommendation should be returned to the student in a sealed envelope for inclusion with the application materials. The student has been requested to mail the application and all accompanying material no later than **May 1, 2008**.

Please include the following points:

- How long have you known the applicant and in what connection?
- Include additional comments about the applicant.
- Rate the applicant in comparison to his/her peers.

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, a student has the right of access to records, including letters of reference. Unless the applicant has waived the right of access, he/she will be able to review your letter upon written request.

Scale:

0 – Unable to judge 1 – Poor 2 – Below average 3 – Average 4 - Above average 5 – Excellent 6 - Exceptional

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Intellectual capability							
General knowledge							
Analytical ability							
Oral expression							
Written expression							
Visual or graphic expression							
Originality and creativity							
Organizational skills							
Ability to work with others							
Follow-through/perseverance							
Self-confidence							
Emotional maturity							

Signature

Date

Application number

THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE DEAN OR ADMINISTRATIVE HEAD OF THE ARCHITECTURE DEPARTMENT

Applicants: Submit this section to the dean or administrative head of the architecture department for completion. It should be returned with the application. The application will not be evaluated without this information.

Name of applicant

University attending

Academic ranking (Please complete the following statements. If your school does not rank, please give your best estimate of the student's position in relation to total class.)

Student's grade point average through fall 2006: _____ on a _____-point scale

Student's rank: _____ in a class of _____

Student's official university percentile rank _____

Name/Title

Date