I. **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants of all nationalities are encouraged to apply. You have to be a member of the International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD) or have membership pending at the time of application. Please see [www.iald.org](http://www.iald.org) for membership information.

- Juniors, seniors, and graduate students are eligible.
- You must not be graduating in the year of your application.

II. **SCHOLARSHIPS**

- **Lighting Design Alliance Scholarship** one (1) award annually $2,500 USD
- **Thomas M. Lemons Scholarship** one (1) or two (2) awards, each $4,500 USD and renewable for a two-year maximum with proof of student status.

III. **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- All applications must be in English
- Applications are accepted during the month of September, these dates vary, please check for the most current information.

IV. **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

- Resume – one (1) page maximum
- Recommendation form a professor or professional
- Personal Statement 150-word maximum
- Portfolio your best lighting project - three (3) page maximum

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Can I apply during the year?**
Applications are only accepted in September for the following year.

**How many applicants are there?**
The numbers vary we have at least 150 applicants for 2 scholarships.

**What name should I use?**
We understand that there are cultural differences in naming and ask that you remember what you submitted and only use that name. If you change your name, we may not be able to find you in our files.

**What email address should I use?**
The email address you check the most often. If we do not hear back within 30-days, it will be awarded to an alternate.
I am graduating in December am I still eligible?
No. You must be a full-time student in January to apply.

I am in a one-year graduate program, am I eligible?
Yes. If you will be a full-time student in January.

Are there any fees?
Yes. It costs $20 USD to become a student member of the IALD.

What about my recommendation, can it be submitted privately?
No. Please obtain your one-page recommendation from your professor or lighting professional and upload it in the recommendation section of the application.

I am a freshman, or sophomore am I eligible?
No. Please wait to apply when you are a junior or senior. It is virtually impossible for a freshman or sophomore to have the experience and background to get a high ranking application when competing against an upper classman or graduate student.

When will I know if I was awarded a scholarship?
Awardees will be notified by mid-December with payment in January.

Can I receive a scholarship twice?
No. The scholarships are one (1) per person.

How are the submissions evaluated?
The volunteer evaluation committee is made up of lighting educators and practicing professionals. They rank each of the requirements (resume, recommendation, portfolio and personal statement) for each applicant. The top ranked are reviewed during a conference call and the recipients chosen.

What are the submissions evaluated on?
The applications are evaluated on enthusiasm, strength, effort and creativity. Not following the directions will result in your application being rejected.

I still have questions not covered here, can I talk to someone?
Yes. You can email Jill Mulholland at jill@iald.org
You may also call her 8AM to 3PM in the Pacific Time Zone, 312 434 1859