

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

I. ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants of all nationalities are encouraged to apply. You must be a member of the International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD) or have membership pending at the time of application. Please [visit the IALD website](#) for membership information.
- University students in their junior (third) and senior (fourth) year and graduate students are eligible.
- You must not be graduating in the semester of your application.

II. SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Lighting Design Alliance Scholarship.** One (1) award is given annually to non-USA citizens enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate-level program in lighting design or a related field in any country. The annual award amount is \$2,500 USD.
- **Thomas M. Lemons Scholarship.** One (1) or two (2) awards are given, each \$4,500 USD renewable for a two-year maximum with proof of student status. It is made possible by **Available Light, Inc.** It requires applicants to be Junior, Senior, or Graduate-level lighting design students at an accredited school in the United States, regardless of nationality. The annual award amount is \$4,500 USD.

III. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- All applications must be in English.
- Applications are accepted during a specified period. Please check the website for the most current information.

IV. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Resume/ CV: one (1) page maximum.
- Recommendation from a professor or professional: one (1) page maximum
- Personal Statement: 150- 300 words

- Please provide a portfolio of your **one (1)** best lighting project demonstrating the process, concept, project goals, and considerations for technical criteria. Your portfolio can be **three pages maximum** and should include images, brief text, architectural drawings, and sketches.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Can I apply during the year?** Applications are only accepted during the specified application period.
- **How many applicants are there?** The numbers vary, but there are generally around 150 applicants for two scholarships.
- **What name should I use?** We understand that there are cultural differences in naming and ask that you remember what name was 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 receive a response from you within 30 days, the scholarship will be awarded to an alternate.
- **I am graduating before the application period. Am I still eligible?** No. You must be a full-time student to apply.
- **I am in a one-year graduate program; am I eligible?** Yes. If you will be a full-time student when your application is submitted and remain a full-time student throughout the following semester.
- **Are there any fees?** The Student IALD membership is \$40 USD, but there is no fee to apply for a scholarship.
- **Can my recommendation be submitted privately by my professor?** No. Please obtain a one-page recommendation from your professor or lighting professional and upload it in the recommendation section of the application.
- **I am a freshman (first year) or sophomore (second year) university student. Am I eligible?** No. Please wait to apply until you are in your junior (third) or senior (fourth) year at university.
- **When will I know if I was awarded a scholarship?** Awardees will be notified approximately one month after the application period closes.
- **Can I receive a scholarship twice?** No. Recipients of the Thomas M. Lemons Scholarship can [contact the IALD Education Trust Director](#) for information on potentially receiving a second year of funding.

- **How are the submissions evaluated?** The volunteer evaluation committee is made up of lighting educators and practicing professionals. They rank each applicant's requirements (resume/ CV, recommendation, portfolio, and personal statement). The top-ranked are reviewed during a conference call, and the recipients are chosen. It is, therefore, highly advised that you make the portfolio portion of your application as strong as possible.
- **I still have questions not covered here; can I talk to someone?** Yes. Please [get in touch with the IALD Education Trust Director](#).