

Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design Scholarship Information

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design has the opportunity to award numerous scholarships on an annual basis. These gifts allow us to support the university's mission of recruiting and retaining high-achieving students who enrich and diversify the academic/design environment. Scholarships are available for both current and prospective students.

Each scholarship has specific criteria based on the donor's wishes, however, the selection process is coordinated by the Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design Scholarship Review and Selection Committee. Examples of criteria include academic merit, financial need, department or major, interests, organizational involvement, and portfolio submission. Because most Fay Jones School scholarships (including renewable scholarships) are one-year awards, **all current and prospective students are encouraged to apply each year.**

NOTE: The AcademicWorks system will send email communications from scholars@uark.edu. Be sure to ADD this email address to your list of contacts or address book, as some email servers may block the address or mark them as SPAM/JUNK. Be sure to check your SPAM/JUNK folder for emails from the system if you are not receiving them.

To be considered for a Fay Jones School scholarship you must complete the General Application using the AcademicWorks system **before** completing the college-specific application. All pieces of the scholarship application will be submitted online unless specifically noted. An essay, academic résumé, and letter of recommendation will be required. **Submission Period is January 1, 2017 to February 15, 2017 (11:59 p.m. on Wednesday evening) for current students, and for incoming freshmen applicants, the deadline is April 15, 2017 (11:59 on Saturday evening).** Application instructions and specific details about these requirements are as follows:

- You will need one letter of recommendation. It is highly recommended that you submit your recommendation request on the General Application early so that your recommender will have time to prepare your recommendation.
 - You will be able to go back into the AcademicWorks system and update your General Application if you are not ready to fully submit it at that time. Please provide the name and email address of your recommender when prompted on the application.
 - Contact your recommender in advance and let them know that they will receive an automated email from the Academic Scholarship Office (scholars@uark.edu) asking them to submit their recommendation online directly into the application system.
 - The recommendation must be from a faculty member, teaching assistant or academic advisor from the University of Arkansas that can speak to your academic abilities and potential. Letters from individuals that do not meet this requirement, such as work place supervisors, resident assistants, or individuals not associated with the University are strongly discouraged and may not be considered. (NOTE to incoming freshman applicants: recommendations must be from a faculty member or academic advisor from your present school). All recommendations must be submitted online no later than 11:59 p.m. on Friday, February 20, 2017. (NOTE: the "from the University of Arkansas" requirement on the letter of recommendation **does not apply to incoming students**).
- Prepare a current academic résumé (approximately 2-3 pages; your résumé must be formatted as a .doc .docx or .pdf document) that includes out-of-classroom activities that you have participated in during your college career, demonstrating contributions to the University of Arkansas, northwest Arkansas, or your hometown communities. The academic résumé is used to place your GPA into a broader context. Please read the Tips for Creating a Résumé for guidance on preparing your academic résumé as well as reviewing suggested formats on this website, <http://scholarships.uark.edu/helpful-links/creating-a-resume.php>. Also, please consider meeting with Susan Pospisil, pospisil@uark.edu, our new Career Specialist for assistance with your résumé. Only include relevant high school information that would support your work

or continued history of service during your college career. (NOTE: the “University of Arkansas, northwest Arkansas” requirement on the résumé does not apply to incoming students).

- Compose an essay (approximately two pages; there are no style requirements; your essay must be formatted as a .doc .docx or .pdf document) on the following topic: Eleanor Roosevelt once said, “One thing life has taught me: If you are interested, you never have to look for new interests. They come to you. When you are genuinely interested in one thing, it will always lead to something else.” What interests have come to you during your academic career, and how will they carry with you after your graduation from the University of Arkansas? +Writing (at <http://class.uark.edu/>) is a free on campus resource that you can use to assist in drafting your essay.

ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS will be considered eligible for scholarship consideration. Many scholarships are awarded based on financial need and require completion of the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that you complete this as soon as possible.

Access the scholarships and apply here:

<http://scholarships.uark.edu/current-students/index.php>

2017-18 Scholarship Program Timeline

- January: Online scholarship application for the upcoming academic year goes live.
- Letters of recommendation must be submitted online no later than 11:59 p.m. CST on February 20, 2017.
- February: All interested **current students must submit an application no later than February 15** in order to be considered for any Fay Jones School specific scholarship. **Deadline for incoming students to submit an application is April 15**
- March - April: Fay Jones School committee meets to award departmental and general school scholarships and students are notified of selection.
- April: Honors Recognition and Reception is held
- September: Fall semester scholarship disbursements post to student accounts, generally after the 11th day of class.
- Following January: Spring semester scholarship disbursements post to student accounts.

Scholarship Links

- Instructions for current University of Arkansas students:
<http://scholarships.uark.edu/application-instructions.php>

After the application period ends (**2/15/17**, or **4/15/17** for incoming students), applications will be reviewed by the Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design Scholarship Review and Selection Committees to begin making their selections. Awards are contingent on continued full-time enrollment in the same degree program, and compliance with other requirements that will be detailed on this page before notifications are sent.

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