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2021-2022 Michigan Chapter ASLA Foundation Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Scholarship

<u>Description:</u> The MIASLA DEI scholarship was created to support students from historically underrepresented demographics in their pursuit of an undergraduate or master's degree in landscape architecture. Our aim is to aid in the development of a more diverse and inclusive generation of future leaders in the profession of landscape architecture, that is more representative of our communities.

The intent of the scholarship is to provide financial support in furthering the student's educational and professional development, while removing barriers to entry into the field of landscape architecture.

The MIASLA DEI Scholarship is a one-time award of **§2500**, and is intended to offset the student's tuition at their current accredited landscape architecture program. There will be **two scholarships** awarded for the 2021-2022 school year.

Deadline for Applications: Due no later than 5pm EST on Saturday, January 15, 2022

Questions: For more information or questions about scholarship application, please email dei@michiganasla.org.

Eligibility: Candidates shall:

- Be a U.S. resident
- Be of Black/African American, Hispanic, Alaskan Native, American Indian, Asian American, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander descent.
- Be a current undergraduate or graduate student in an accredited landscape architecture program in Michigan.
- Be an enrolled student when scholarship award is applied to tuition in fall 2022.

Candidates are expected to be student ASLA members. Awardees are expected to be active members of the Michigan ASLA DEI Committee for the full calendar year that the scholarship is awarded. Committee responsibilities include participation on one or more DEI Subcommittees including attending monthly meetings and forwarding the mission of the DEI Committee. Awardees are encouraged to make a brief presentation during the year of award at the Michigan ASLA annual meeting **or** write an article for MI SITES explaining how this scholarship has impacted their perspective on Landscape Architecture and how it has helped further their career **or** participate as a speaker for the Michigan ASLA Diverse Perspectives Webinar



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series. *This is an opportunity to build and utilize your writing or public speaking skills. Materials created can be used as content in your landscape architecture portfolio.*

<u>Application Requirements:</u> To apply for the MIASLA DEI Scholarship, candidates are requested to submit the following in advance of the submission deadline:

- Resume and cover letter
- College transcripts or a signed letter from the Academic Advisor stating your current GPA and that you are in good academic standing.
- Essay that answers the following: "What inspired you to pursue landscape architecture?" (1000 words max)
- Two references. At least one reference shall include a college professor from the Landscape Architecture program in which the student is enrolled.

<u>Submission Link:</u> Using this <u>link</u>, please submit your application and the materials outlined above.

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