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Worldstudio AIGA Scholarships Application instructions

Deadline: April 2, 2010



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BACKGROUND

Worldstudio Foundation, in conjunction with AIGA, the professional association for design, provides scholarships to minority and economically disadvantaged students who are studying design and arts disciplines in colleges and universities in the United States. Among the scholarships' primary aims are to increase diversity in the creative professions and to foster social and environmental responsibility in the artists, designers and studios of tomorrow. To this end, scholarship recipients are selected not only for their ability and need, but also for their demonstrated commitment to positive change in the larger community through their work.

Basic scholarships are awarded in the amounts of \$2,000–\$3,000. One or two top awards may be given in an amount up to \$5,000 at the jury's discretion. Each award is paid directly to the recipient's school and applied toward tuition. In addition, honorable mention prizes in the amount of \$500 cash are also awarded.

SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION PROCESS

Entries will be evaluated by a jury of creative professionals appointed by Worldstudio Foundation and AIGA. In selecting the winning entries, jurors will consider a number of factors, including: quality of submitted work, financial need, minority status, academic record, recommendations and strength of written statement of purpose. All applicants will be notified via email in late June. Worldstudio AIGA Scholarships will notify schools of financial awards and distribute scholarship monies directly to the institution's financial aid office in September 2010. Students are required to notify Worldstudio AIGA Scholarships of any change in academic status.

REAPPLICATION

All former scholarship recipients must reapply in order to be considered for the next year's competition. Previous recipients who choose to reapply should submit new work and written statement of purpose.

As organizations, Worldstudio Foundation and AIGA act to build a center within the creative community for imaginative and progressive change. As such, we eagerly anticipate the work that our scholarship recipients will accomplish now and into the future. We take our scholarship program seriously and hope that recipients will keep us abreast of their projects as they work toward their goals. Correspondence is encouraged.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be citizens of the United States or be in possession of a Green Card (formally known as a Permanent Resident Card or Form I-551).
- Applicants must be pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in a design or art discipline listed below and intend to pursue that discipline as a career.
- Applicants must be matriculated (or planning to matriculate) at accredited colleges and universities in the United States for the Fall 2010/Spring 2011 academic year and must maintain full-time status for the entire year.*
- Incoming students who have yet to enroll must submit proof of acceptance from schools of choice.
- Though not a requirement, minority status is a significant factor considered in jury decisions.
- Students must have at least a 2.0 GPA.
- Scholarships are only awarded to students who are in financial need; applicants must, therefore, provide complete financial aid information on the scholarship form and have the form signed by a financial aid officer.
- Deadline: All entries must be received by April 2, 2010 for the 2010/2011 scholarship competition; students must be enrolled for the full Fall 2010/Spring 2011 academic year.

* *If you do not know which school you are going to be accepted to or will attend, put your first choice. If you are awarded a scholarship, you will need to submit proof of acceptance in your chosen discipline.*

AREAS OF STUDY

This year we are offering scholarships in the following disciplines:

- Advertising (*art direction only*)
- Fine arts
- Graphic design
- Illustration
- Interactive design/motion graphics
- Photography

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TO APPLY

The application is online at:

<http://www.aiga.org/secure/worldstudio/application/>

This document outlines each step of the process.
Please follow all instructions thoroughly.

You will be able to edit your applications until **April 2, 2010**.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

In order to fill out an application, you must have an AIGA web account. You have an account if you are or have been a member; entered a competition in the past; or signed up previously for a web pass.

You can log in, check to see if you have an account or create a new account at <http://my.aiga.org/vango/core/login.aspx>

1 PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Name
- Social Security number
- Date and location of your birth
- Racial/ethnic identity
- Address at school
- Permanent address

2 SCHOOL INFORMATION

- School attending for the academic year 2010/11
- Class for the academic year 2010/11 (i.e. freshman, sophomore, etc.)
- Degree sought, major and minor (if applicable)
- Expected graduation date
- Area of study
- Schools attended, years in attendance, graduation dates and degree(s)

NOTE: If you have not received an acceptance letter from the school to which you applied, put down your first choice. If you are awarded a scholarship, you will need to provide proof of acceptance from the school. You will only be awarded a scholarship to study the discipline for which you applied. For example, if you applied in photography but decide to study architecture, you will not receive the scholarship.

3 WRITTEN STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

You will need to write a statement of purpose and enter it online. In your statement, please answer both of the following questions in **no more than 600 words**. The online form will only accommodate up to 600 words, so prepare your statement in advance to make sure it will fit.

1. Write a brief autobiography, explaining how your experiences have influenced your creative work and your career plans.
2. In the future, how do you see yourself as a creator contributing to the community at large?

Please keep in mind:

Worldstudio AIGA Scholarships are awarded to encourage social and environmental responsibility and cultural awareness in the next generation of artists, architects and designers. Creativity holds an enormous power to impact change. It is particularly important for us to see how you intend to do this through your design or artwork. Graduate students will not be considered unless their statements and work directly address these concerns.

Examples of a commitment to a social agenda:

- Work that clearly demonstrates positive social change (i.e., murals for public schools, "green" architecture, etc.)
- Work that addresses identity politics (i.e., cultural, ethnic, sexual or gender identity)
- Demonstration of a **clear** career path (not just "I hope..."), such as to teach, to mentor, to work with young people, to serve your community, etc.

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4 PORTFOLIO

The portfolio you submit should be in the discipline in which you are pursuing a degree. If you are an incoming student who has yet to create work in that discipline, a portfolio that displays your artistic and creative skills is sufficient. Please submit up to 10 examples of your work. The online application will be available beginning **February 1, 2010**.

All students must upload their portfolios of static images—no animations, movies or interactive, you can send these files on a disk.

Please follow instructions on the site carefully to ensure that your images upload properly.

File Size and Formats:

Read these points carefully. **You will not be able to upload images unless they meet the following specifications:**

- Images can be no larger than 500 K in size
- Colorspace should be RGB not CMYK
- Images cannot be more than 600 pixels wide; image height unrestricted
- The following file types are **supported for upload**: .jpg, .jpeg, .gif, .png.; you will be **unable** to upload .pdf, .mov, .swf, .dcr, .tif, .eps
- **IMPORTANT:** File names must **not** have any blank spaces or odd characters such as brackets or apostrophes. Files named incorrectly will not upload properly or at all. For example:

NO: file's name *.jpg

YES: file_name.jpg or filename.jpg

Tips for presenting your work to the jury online:

The jury will review your work on a computer screen. Here are a few suggestions for preparing a successful online portfolio:

- Upload images that are well lit and in focus
- Display your work as large as possible
- Single images read best
- Display boards with multiple images and text do not read well. Most architectural presentation boards do not read well because the images and text are too small to be viewed on the screen.
- Give a brief description of image—i.e. materials, actual size, etc.

Mailing Disks

If you would like to submit movies, motion graphics or interactive files for your portfolio you can mail a disk.

We prefer Mac compatible QuickTime movies (.mov) on CD or DVD. VHS tapes are not accepted.

Refer to page 5 of this document for information about mailing in your materials.

5 SELF-PORTRAIT

All students will need to upload a self-portrait. The portraits will be used for archival and promotional purposes. Follow the same instructions outlined for portfolio images.

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6 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This section should be completed by your financial aid officer online. You will be able to send a link to your application so that your financial aid officer can supply this information.

You can also do this but you must fill in all of the financial aid officer contact information so that we can verify your numbers should you be selected for an award.

Use the form to the right to prepare your information to be entered online.

Before filling out this section, please complete your online FAFSA application at www.fafsa.ed.gov. If current figures are not available, please use last year's figures or estimate to the best of your ability.

- All information must be filled in or applicant may be disqualified.
- If your financial aid package has not been awarded at the time this application is due, the financial aid officer may list the amount of aid received last or an estimated award expected for this year.
- If and only if you are an incoming student, you are not required to obtain the information of a financial aid officer, but it is preferred; those unable to obtain this information must indicate "incoming student" below. As an incoming student fill out the financial information to the best of your ability, in the event that you receive an award this information will be verified and must be accurate in order for you to receive any funds.

Financial Information Worksheet - DO NOT send this in.
Use this to prepare your information to enter in the online application.

EXPENSES

A Cost of tuition only Check one: <input type="radio"/> Estimated <input type="radio"/> Actual	\$
B Annual cost of living and other school expenses Check one: <input type="radio"/> Estimated <input type="radio"/> Actual	\$
C Total expenses	will total automatically

INCOME

D Total amount of family and personal contributions toward total expenses Check one: <input type="radio"/> Estimated <input type="radio"/> Actual	\$
E Financial Aid 2010/11 in the form of scholarships, grants, etc. Check one: <input type="radio"/> Estimated <input type="radio"/> Actual	\$
F Financial Aid 1010/11 in the form of loans: Check one: <input type="radio"/> Estimated <input type="radio"/> Actual	\$
G Total amount of funds available	will total automatically

TOTAL

H Student's unmet need	will total automatically
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Please note: an unmet need of \$0.00 does NOT disqualify your application.

Financial Aid Officer Information

- Name of Financial Aid Officer
- Institution of Financial Aid Officer
- E-mail of Financial Aid Officer
- Financial aid office phone
- Financial aid office fax

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7 SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS

You must upload your most recent college or high school transcripts with this application.

You will be prompted to input the GPA reflected in the transcripts you upload.

Online it will explain how to upload your transcripts.

Mailing Transcripts

We prefer that you upload your transcripts, if you are unable to do this you can mail them to us, refer to the right for information about sending in your materials.

Note: We do not support students who have not maintained at least a 2.0 GPA.

8 REFERENCES

You must upload two letters of recommendation from individuals who know you and your work – teachers, employers, counselors, etc. An email link to your application will be provided so that they can do this for you.

Note: You cannot upload your own letters of recommendation.

Mailing references

We prefer that you have your individuals email letters of recommendation. If you are unable to do this you can mail them to us. Refer to the mailing information to the right.

Note: If you are sending physical letters each letter of recommendation must be sealed in its own envelope and the envelope signed by the recommender across the seal.

You will need to provide the following information online about who will be sending letters of recommendation.

- Name, Title and Phone

9 PREVIOUS AWARDS

Have you previously received a Worldstudio AIGA scholarship?

- Yes
- No
- If yes, what school year?

10 CONSENT

I hereby warrant that all information supplied by me is accurate and truthful. I also hereby grant permission for the financial aid office of my institution to release my personal financial information in conjunction with this application. I further grant permission for Worldstudio Foundation and AIGA to reproduce my work, statements and my self-portrait in promotional literature and communications in the event that I receive an award.

- Name
- Date

MAILING IN MATERIALS

We prefer that you upload all information. Alternatively you can mail the following materials:

- Disks with film, motion graphics or interactive. No still images.
- Transcripts
- Letters of recommendation

Note: any materials you mail must be received by April 2, 2010, this is not a postmark deadline. Late applications will be disqualified.

Important: All materials you mail must have an **ID label** that you will generate online. Paste this label in or on the front of the package. **You must use this label when sending in your materials to qualify.**

Mail your materials in one package to:

Worldstudio AIGA Scholarships

164 Fifth Avenue,
New York, NY 10010
Tel: 212.807.1990

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