



AIA Minnesota 2025 ARE Scholarship **Open to AIA Minnesota and MSP NOMA licensing candidates**

The AIA Minnesota Architect Licensing Advisory Committee coordinates awarding a scholarship to an AIA Minnesota and/or MSP NOMA member to cover the costs of all sections of the Architect Registration Exam, within the parameters defined below. 5.0 test fees currently total \$1,410 for all six sections of this exam.

Application deadline: 5:00 pm, Monday, May 28, 2025

Eligibility

- By the time of application, the applicant must be an AIA Minnesota Associate and/or MSP NOMA member.
- Eligible applicants may have begun the test taking process.
- The applicant's employer does not reimburse employees for any portion of test fees.

How to apply

Complete the Scholarship Application including a 300-word or less response to the Application Essay by 5 pm, May 28, 2025. Email Scholarship Application and Application Essay to: Deanna Christiansen Christiansen@aia-mn.org.

Application essay

The core values of AIA Minnesota are **Authenticity, Equity, Collaboration, and Integrity**.

In an essay of no more than 300 words, please describe the ways you hope to bring these core values to bear in your work as a licensed architect. Essays should be original material and not written with the use of Artificial Intelligence.

A blind review will select an essay that is written in a way that expresses the unique perspective of the applicant. The essay should be:

- Compelling – written with conviction
- Thought-provoking – expressing interesting and unique ideas; and
- Inspiring – potential to encourage and motivate others

All applicants will be notified by June 20, 2025.

Questions: Contact Deanna Christiansen, AIA Minnesota, christiansen@aia-mn.org.



Step 1: Complete 2025 ARE Scholarship Application Form

Name _____

Firm _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

____ Yes I am an AIA Minnesota member ____ Yes I am an MSP NOMA member

Does your employer cover any portion of the cost of test fees?

____ Yes ____ No (if Yes, you are not eligible for this scholarship)

Please confirm with your initials that the essay you submitted is original material and is not written with the use of Artificial Intelligence. **Initials here** _____

Have you completed AXP?

____ Yes ____ No

Step 2: Test-taking Progress

Have you begun taking the exam? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, how many sections have you taken and passed? _____

Step 3: Response to Application Essay

The [core values of AIA Minnesota](#) are **Authenticity, Equity, Collaboration, and Integrity**. In an essay of no more than 300 words, please describe the ways you hope to bring these core values to bear in your work as a licensed architect. The essay should be:

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- Inspiring – potential to encourage and motivate others

Thesis statement. Place at the top of your essay page a 1-2 sentence condensation (thesis) of your essay to follow. **Do not place your name on the essay or identify yourself on the essay in any way.**

Step 4: Verify Accuracy of Application and Sign

I hereby certify that the information I have provided on this Application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, including that the Essay expresses my original thoughts and ideas and is not written with the use of Artificial Intelligence.

Signed _____ Date _____

Step 5: Return Scholarship Application and Essay by 5:00 pm, May 28, 2025

Deanna Christiansen, AIA Minnesota, christiansen@aia-mn.org

2025 ARE Scholarship Thesis Statement and Essay

The use of this page for your thesis and essay is not required.

- Thesis statement. Place a 1-2 sentence thesis statement at the top of your essay page.
- Essay. In an essay of 300 words or less please describe the ways you hope to bring AIA Minnesota core values – **Authenticity, Equity, Collaboration, and Integrity** – to bear in your work as a licensed architect.

1-2 Sentence Thesis Statement

Essay (300 words or less)