



Design Institute of San Diego
Equity and Inclusion Scholarship - BFA Program

Each semester Design Institute will award one scholarship to an eligible student entering or currently enrolled in the BFA program at Design Institute. The scholarship will have a maximum award of up to \$25,000 or the equivalent of \$3,100 per semester for a full-time student and \$2,067 for a part-time or evening student. The scholarship will be applied equally to the student's account for each semester enrolled and attended, and the exact amount of the scholarship award will be determined upon enrollment and evaluation of any transfer classes with a maximum award of \$25,000 per recipient.

This scholarship is designed to help make attendance at Design Institute of San Diego obtainable and to promote equity and inclusion for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) students who are underrepresented in the interior design profession.

Once awarded, scholarships will be automatically renewed so long as the recipient remains enrolled at Design Institute in 12 units or more per semester if a full-time student, or 9 units or more per semester if a part-time or evening student. An exception to the course load can be made for students who, due to transferred credits and curriculum restrictions, require a reduced course load. The course load reduction exception does not apply to students who take a reduced curriculum due to the failure and/or repetition of a course or courses. A cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher must also be maintained in order for the scholarship to be renewed.

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must meet all the requirements of the categories below:

- Be entering or currently enrolled student and have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Have a financial need and be financial aid eligible.
- Prepare a 500-1000 word essay on how the candidate plans to utilize a degree in interior design to be an agent of social change
- If available, provide a portfolio of relevant art or design work for review.
- If a new entering student, submit a complete admission application to Design Institute of San Diego. The candidate's required application documents will also be evaluated and considered in awarding scholarships.
- Be accepted into the program and attend Design Institute for the semester the scholarship is awarded.

Scholarship Guidelines:

- Scholarship materials and the complete admission application to Design Institute of San Diego must be received no later than August 15th (for fall semester start), December 15th

(for spring semester start), or April 15th (for summer semester start). The essay must be submitted electronically to scholarships@disd.edu by the due date.

- Students entering Design Institute for the first time may submit the remainder of the scholarship materials with their admission application.
- Scholarship recipients must be studying on a full-time basis: 12 units or more per semester if a full-time student, or 9 units or more per semester if a part-time or evening student.
- Once awarded, scholarship recipients must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher during their studies at Design Institute.
- If an awarded student withdraws during the semester, the scholarship will be included in "other sources of aid" in the refund calculation.
- Should an awarded student drop below the eligibility guidelines regarding cumulative GPA or course load requirements, scholarship eligibility will discontinue for future semesters. An exception can be made for students who, due to transferred credits and curriculum restrictions, require a reduced load. The course load reduction exception does not apply to students who take a reduced curriculum due to the failure and/or repetition of a course or courses.
- All scholarship applicants and their materials will be reviewed by a committee using a numeric scoring evaluation form. Completeness of the scholarship requirements, GPA, scholarship essay, and application materials will be considered.