

DARDEN ARCHITECTS, INC.

ARCHITECTURE SCHOLARSHIP

All materials must be submitted by 5:00 P.M., Thursday, April 30th, 2026

PURPOSE

The Darden Architects Student Scholarship Program aims to recognize, support and encourage students interested in the Architectural Profession from the California San Joaquin Valley. Annually, Darden Architects, accepts and reviews student applications with the intent of giving a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to a qualified candidate(s). **The scholarship is only offered to a student, originally from the California Central San Joaquin Valley, that will be or is currently attending any accredited Architecture school, and majoring in Architecture.**

BACKGROUND

Darden Architects, Inc. has seen a reduced number of students from the San Joaquin Valley completing degrees in Architecture. The Darden Architects Student Scholarship Program is intended to address this shortcoming and encourage more students to pursue and complete degrees in Architecture. It is our hope that these graduates will return to the Valley and strengthen the Architectural profession.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be a graduating high school senior, a transfer student or current student attending an accredited Architecture program and originally from the San Joaquin Valley (Madera, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Tulare, Merced, or Mariposa Counties), have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and provide official transcripts. The applicant must have been accepted to and intend to enroll full-time or be currently enrolled full-time in an accredited Architecture program and has not previously been awarded the Darden Architecture Scholarship.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Completed and returned Scholarship Application
- Official School Transcripts
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, school administrators or place of employment
- For High School Students and Transfer Students: Proof of acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited Architecture school
- For University Students: Proof of completing at least one full school year and full time enrollment at an accredited Architecture school

A select number of applicants may be selected for oral interviews
Recipients are selected by the Darden Architects Student Scholarship Committee

CONDITIONS

Scholarship payment to be made to the recipient after submission of all award criteria and verification of enrollment. The Scholarship Award Presentation will be scheduled upon verification and be held at the office of Darden Architects in Fresno, California. The recipient may be asked by Darden Architects, Inc., to deliver a quote or photo for the firm's use in the award announcement (i.e., website, brochure, etc.)



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APPLICATION FORM:

Name of applicant:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Telephone(s):

Home:

Cell:

E-Mail:

High School attended from the San Joaquin Valley (Madera, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Tulare, Merced, Mariposa Counties):

Please confirm the accredited Architecture school and your major:

Current Cumulative GPA (transcripts must be attached):

Applicant Signature:

Date:

**Please note that Darden Architects, Inc. will retain the applicant information.
Applicants may re-submit in following years if they meet application requirements and have not
been previously awarded.**



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Include this application along with the following items:

- 1) In a brief statement, please tell us why you have chosen Architecture as your major and your profession in 500 words or less. (Please attach a typed response)

- 2) High School and Transfer Students: Proof of full time acceptance to an accredited Architecture school. (Such as a copy of your acceptance letter)

For University Students: Proof of completing at least one full school year and full time enrollment at an accredited Architecture school

- 3) Official School Transcripts.

- 4) Two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, school administrators or place of employment.

Please mail or hand deliver the above items to:

c/o Michele Meisch
Darden Architects
6790 N. West Avenue
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Applications may also be emailed to: michelem@dardenarchitects.com



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