



# Southern Region Foundation

## 2019 Otto D. Grove Scholarship

### Advanced Academy for Learning Spaces

#### **Overview:**

The A4LE Southern Region Foundation is offering a competitive merit-based scholarship for the 2019 Advanced Academy for Learning Spaces. The A4LE Southern Region Foundation is a non-profit organization established to support membership growth in the Southern Region by providing chapter support and scholarship opportunities to support the organization's mission. The Foundation acts as a proactive catalyst for promoting the development of quality learning environments in the A4LE Southern Region by funding scholarships and grants through the Otto D. Grove Fund.

#### **The Advanced Academy for Learning Spaces:**

This intense, high quality program consists of six, 6-week online courses created by industry experts and is delivered through San Diego State University's Interwork Institute Center for Distance Learning (IL-CDL). The comprehensive program of study is grounded in the key knowledge and skills central to the sound planning, building and maintaining of learner-centered school facilities. Based on chapters of "Creating Connections: The A4LE Guide for Educational Facility Planning", each course addresses one phase of the capital project, while the complete program emphasizes a collaborative process that engages all stakeholders. The primary text is supplemented with relevant materials collected and developed by the expert instructors.

Formerly known as The Advanced Certificate in Educational Facility Planning and managed by San Diego State University, A4LE has assumed responsibility of the program and revised the courses.

Courses include:

- Designing schools to support diverse learning style needs.
- Community engagement and master planning.
- Educational facility pre-design planning.
- The educational facility architectural design process
- Educational facility implementation: Project management, project delivery, finance, procurement, and post-occupancy
- Assessment of the school facility

Additional information can be found at [www.a4le.org](http://www.a4le.org).



### **Scholarship Award:**

One (1) scholarship candidate will be selected as the recipient of a **\$4,900.00** Scholarship for the Advanced Academy for Learning Spaces. Recipient will be selected from within the Southern Region (Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas).

### **Submission Requirements:**

Otto D. Grove Scholarship, Advanced Academy for Learning Spaces information packets, with all required submission forms, are available on-line at [www.a4le.org](http://www.a4le.org). The entire scholarship submission requirements will be accepted by submitting via email to Donna Robinson at [donna@A4LE.org](mailto:donna@A4LE.org) by 5:00 p.m. on April 25, 2019.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

The A4LE Southern Region Foundation Advisory Board seeks candidates who meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Candidate must complete and submit the complete application package as required by the A4LE Southern Region Foundation Advisory Board.
2. Candidate must be a member in good standing of the Association for Learning Environments (A4LE).
3. Candidate must be able to commit to the full course schedule, participating and completing all six (6) required courses in order to achieve the Accredited Learning Environments Planner (ALEP) designation.

### **Characteristics Sought in Nominees:**

The A4LE Southern Region Foundation Advisory Board seeks candidates who demonstrate a balance of the following characteristics:

1. Outstanding communication skills, both verbal and written.
2. Outgoing personality, strong character, integrity and self-motivation.
3. Outstanding leadership potential as measured by leadership roles in work, college or community activities.

### **Submission Materials:**

1. A completed Advanced Academy for Learning Spaces Application (Form "A").
2. Participation Achievement Form (Form "B").
3. A completed Advanced Academy for Learning Spaces Essay Form (Form "C").
4. Three letters of character recommendation.
5. All forms and documents should be submitted in a combined file, in PDF format. Individual forms and documents are discouraged.



### **Nomination & Selection Process Timeline:**

- \* **April 25, 2019**  
5:00 p.m. CST on April 25, 2019 is the deadline for receipt of scholarship application form and all required submission materials. The entire scholarship submission requirements will be accepted via email to Donna Robinson at [donna@A4LE.org](mailto:donna@A4LE.org).
  
- \* **May 5, 2019**  
Scholarship winner will be notified by end of day May 5, 2019.

### **Scholarship Selection Committee:**

Otto D. Grove Scholarship, Advanced Academy for Learning Spaces selection committee will be comprised of the Advisory Board appointed by the A4LE Southern Region Board of Directors. The Southern Region Foundation Advisory Board develops the scholarship criteria and policies, reviews eligibility of nominees, selects finalists and recommends recipients for scholarship awards.

### **Judging Guidelines:**

**Clarity of Expression** - Is the material presented logical and coherent? Are the candidates leadership contributions stated clearly and precisely? Was the essay report carefully proofread for spelling and grammar?

**Comprehensiveness** - Are sufficient details given and does the essay report fully explain itself or is further explanation needed?

**Creativity** - Is the essay original and imaginative? Did the candidate clearly state what enrollment in this course will mean to him/her?

**Leadership** - Does the candidate demonstrate key participation and leadership in other organizations?

**References** – Are there three (3) reference letters submitted for the candidate? Do the letters support this candidate as a worthy scholarship recipient?

### **Scholarship Conditions:**

- The Otto D. Grove Scholarship for the Advanced Academy for Learning Spaces will be offered to a candidate only once (1) throughout their career.
- The applicant must reside within the A4LE Southern Region and be a member of A4LE.
- The A4LE Southern Region Foundation Advisory Board may withhold or terminate a scholarship due to unsatisfactory academic performance.
- A4LE reserves the right to publish the winning essay.



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**APPLICATION FORM "A"**  
(to be completed by the Applicant)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby affirm my desire to be considered for the 2018 A4LE Otto D. Grove Scholarship for the 2019 Advance Academy for Learning Spaces. I understand that this application will be available only to qualified members of A4LE for their use in the scholarship selection. I affirm that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Legal Name in Full \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_M \_\_\_F  
Permanent-Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Company/School \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
A4LE Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_ Member since \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

**I have enclosed the following required Submission Materials with this Application Form "A":**

- \_\_\_ Achievement Form "B".
- \_\_\_ Essay Form "C".
- \_\_\_ Three (3) character recommendation letters.

*This Application Form "A", Achievement Form "B", Essay Form "C", and three (3) character recommendation letters must be emailed to Donna Robinson at [donna@A4LE.org](mailto:donna@A4LE.org) by 5:00 p.m. on April 25, 2019.*



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**ACHIEVEMENT FORM "B"**  
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**Participation and Leadership Achievement**

Complete Achievement Form "B" by chronicling your involvement, leadership and achievement in work, school, college and community activities. Be sure to specify the number of years of involvement, as well as positions of leadership. Please attach additional sheets of achievement and leadership detail if needed.

Organization	Years of Involvement	Leadership Positions, Activities and/or Responsibilities

Please attach additional sheets if needed to complete Achievement Form "B".



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**ESSAY FORM "C"**  
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*The Advanced Academy for Learning Spaces is a rigorous course that exposes students to the many aspects of educational facility planning, from project inception to completion. In 1,000 words or less, please describe in detail how this course will positively impact your career and why this is critical in your personal and/or professional growth.*

*Please attach additional sheets to complete your essay.*