



Southern Region Foundation Otto D. Grove Scholarship Advanced Academy Certificate Program

Overview:

The A4LE Southern Region Foundation is offering a competitive merit-based scholarship for the Advanced Academy Certificate Program. 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 Certificate Program:

This intense, high quality program consists of six, 6-week online courses created by industry experts. 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 the A4LE ALEP Core Competencies. Each course addresses one phase of the capital project, while the complete program emphasizes a collaborative process that engages all stakeholders and how to address all areas of the core competency in the process. 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.



Scholarship Award:

One (1) scholarship candidate will be selected as the recipient of a **\$6,000.00** Scholarship for the Advanced Academy Certificate Program. Recipient will be selected from within the Southern Region (Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas).

Submission Requirements:

Otto D. Grove Scholarship, Advanced Academy Certificate Program information packets, with all required submission forms, are available on-line at www.a4le.org. The entire scholarship submission requirements will be accepted by submitting via online link, and supplemental information can be sent to Donna Robinson (donna@a4le.org) by 5:00 p.m. on April 29th.

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 (online form)
2. Participation Achievement Form (online form)
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 29th**
5:00 p.m. CST on April 29th is the deadline for receipt of scholarship application online form and all required submission materials. The entire scholarship submission requirements will be accepted via email to Donna Robinson at donna@A4LE.org.

- * **May 17th**
Scholarship winner will be notified on or about May 17th.

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 Certificate Program 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"

Demographic information

Online form to be completed by the applicant

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024SRADVACA>

ACHIEVEMENT FORM "B"

Leadership Participation

Online form to be completed by the applicant

Please attach additional sheets if needed to complete Achievement Form "B" and send with your essay to Donna Robinson, donna@a4le.org by 5:00 pm April 29th

ESSAY FORM "C"

Essay to be completed by the applicant

Send to Donna Robinson, donna@a4le.org by 5:00 pm April 29th

The Advanced Academy Certificate Program 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.