

## **A4LE Central Texas Chapter Student Scholarship Award**

### **Overview:**

The A4IE Central Texas Chapter Student Scholarship is a competitive, merit-based scholarship program designed for graduating or recently graduated from high school who desire financial support for their pursuit of post-secondary educational opportunities.

The Scholarship will be allocated to a recipient who is a student in the Central Texas area which currently has a member in A4LE. The method for the selection of the recipient to receive the Scholarship shall be at the discretion of the Central Texas Chapter Board.

### **Scholarship Award:**

Up to three (3) students will be selected as the recipients of a \$2,000 Scholarship (up to \$6,000 total awarded).

### **A4LE:**

The Association for Learning Environments (A4LE) was first established in 1921 as the National Council on Schoolhouse Construction (NCSC), changing to its current name in 2015. A4LE is a non-profit, interdisciplinary association of professionals working at the intersection of learning and place to drive the evolution of learning environments in order to improve the places where people learn.

A4LE is a diverse community made up of nearly every discipline involved in school planning, construction, and maintenance. From product suppliers, to architects in the field, to school district facilities superintendents, we work to serve the needs of this profession.

A4LE is seen as the foremost resource for planning, design, construction, and operation of learning environments and recognized for its knowledge, essential training, accreditation, and certification. As a result, A4LE membership has expanded throughout the world to include more than 5,400 professionals with one single goal - to build healthy, safe, and resilient 21st century learning environments

The mission of the Association is to continually seek out best practices in creating quality learning environments for students. It is A4LE members who lead the educational facility planning profession towards a new vision based on innovation and discovery.

### **Requirements:**

Students must submit all required submission forms and essay by 5:00 PM on March 1, 2024. All applications must be emailed to [donna@a4le.org](mailto:donna@a4le.org) with the title "CTX Student Scholarship (your name)". No paper submissions will be accepted.

**Qualifications:**

1. The candidate shall be graduating in 2023/2024 or recently graduated within the last 18 months.
2. The candidate shall display engagement with and/or service to those around them in school, community, family and/or employment.
3. The candidate must be accepted a post-secondary educational program following their graduation (i.e. university, technical school, community college, etc).
4. The candidate must be from a Central Texas School District which has a current member in A4LE. Applicants from the following School Districts are eligible:
  - a. Del Valle ISD, Dripping Springs ISD, Round Rock ISD, Leander ISD, Lake Travis ISD, Austin ISD, Hays CISD, Elgin ISD, Killeen ISD, Conroe ISD, Bryan ISD, Fort Bend ISD, Lorena ISD

**Essay Information:**

There has been increasing evidence that the design and condition of an educational facility has a significant impact on the quality of education and a student’s ability to learn. **In 500 words or less**, describe how your high school facility has contributed to the quality of your education. In addition, describe the changes you would make to your high school facility that would improve the quality of education, if finances were not a limitation.

**Evaluation Criteria:**

The candidate will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Acceptance into post-secondary educational program following graduations	<b>Pass/Fail</b>
Engagement with and/or service to those around them in school, community, family and/or employment	<b>Max Points: 5 points</b>
Essay Subject	<b>Max Points: 20 points</b>
<b>Evaluation Criteria Total</b>	<b>Total Points Available: 25 points</b>

