

The Connecticut Architecture Foundation Inc. was established by the Connecticut Chapter of The American Institute of Architects in 1978. This organization's mission is to raise the public awareness of, and expectations for, Architecture and the built environment. We accomplish these goals through the funding of programs in education, scholarship, mentorship and research. Our administration of the Foundation's Scholarship Program is an important part of that work.

Hoffmann Diversity Advancement Scholarship

The Connecticut Architecture Foundation (CAF), in partnership with [Hoffmann Architects + Engineers](#), a Connecticut-based architecture and engineering firm specializing in building enclosures, is pleased to offer this scholarship to students from underrepresented racial or ethnic groups who are seeking degrees in architecture or engineering.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Hoffmann Diversity Advancement Scholarship is open to *applicants who are*:

Students entering or enrolled full-time in an [NAAB-accredited architecture program](#) or [ABET-accredited civil or structural engineering program](#) **and**

Residents / full-time college or university students located in:

- Connecticut
- Massachusetts
- Rhode Island
- New York
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- Delaware
- Washington DC
- Virginia
- Maryland **and**

Students representing a minority racial or ethnic group, [as defined by the State of New York](#), which includes one or more of the following:

- *Black*: Persons having origins from any of the Black African racial groups.
- *Hispanic*: Persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Dominican, Cuban, Central or South American descent of either Native American or Latin American origin, regardless of race.
- *Asian-Pacific*: Persons having origins from the Far East, Southeast Asia or the Pacific Islands.
- *Asian-Indian Subcontinent*: Persons having origins from the Indian subcontinent.
- *Native American or Alaskan Native*: Persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America.

Preference is given to applicants intending to pursue a career in the restoration and rehabilitation of existing buildings, specifically focusing on the building enclosure. However, the scholarship is open to all applicants who meet the above eligibility criteria, regardless of intended specialization. Graduating seniors are not eligible, as the scholarship award is for the subsequent **(2025-2026)** academic year.

Note that applying for this scholarship does not limit an applicant from applying to any future CAF scholarships.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To apply for the Hoffmann Diversity Advancement Scholarship, submit the following material:

1. **Completed Application Form.**
2. **A one-page cover letter** describing:
 - Why you chose to study architecture and/or engineering.
 - Your background and experience in architecture, engineering, design, and/or construction.
 - Your career aspirations and anticipated educational program.
 - Anything else you feel is relevant to your application, such as family history, accomplishments, unusual circumstances, experiences, or inspiration.
3. **A one-to-two-page resumé**, including contact information, education, work experience, community service/volunteer experience, internships, honors/awards, and clubs and extracurricular activities.
4. **A transcript** from your current school (high school or college). First-year college students must also include a high school transcript, and transfer students must include a transcript from their previous institution. Either unofficial or official transcripts are accepted.
5. **Optional:** If drawing/drafting/rendering or other creative art is part of your experience, you may elect to include **a portfolio** with examples of your work (not more than five examples).

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Prepare a single application file in .pdf format of all submittal materials in the sequence listed above. Label file as follows: **2025 Hoffmann Diversity Advancement Scholarship_ YOUR NAME.**

Submit to **WeTransfer:** <https://cafct.wetransfer.com/>.

Incomplete applications, or those that do not comply with the stated eligibility criteria and application requirements, will not be considered.

Application materials will not be returned.

The successful applicant, on being notified of award, will provide a portrait photo for news releases. A one-minute introductory video may also be requested.

By submitting this application, you grant permission to the Connecticut Architecture Foundation, Inc. to reproduce any or all of your materials for the promotion of its programs.

All material must be received by the deadline of 31 January 2025 at 11:59pm EST.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Applicants will be notified via email of the scholarship award decision in **March 2025**.

Scholarships are awarded for the college academic year and paid by CAF directly to the school.

If the student graduates early or leaves school for some other reason, the scholarship will be pro-rated based upon that portion of the school year actually enrolled.

Due to the widespread need of students for financial assistance to enroll in and complete architecture programs, scholarships *shall not* be awarded for travel and related expenses. A scholarship recipient may request a deferment until the following academic year. The deferment request must be prepared and submitted by the award recipient and sent via email to the Executive Director of AIA Connecticut. If approved by CAF, the scholarship award will be deferred until the next academic year. The applicant will be notified he or she does not need to reapply but will be required to submit the Deferred Scholarship Reinstatement Form and all award paperwork or decline the deferred award.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Hoffmann Architects + Engineers may offer scholarship recipients the opportunity for a paid internship in one of the firm's three offices (New Haven CT, New York NY, and Alexandria VA).

As a practice specializing in a unique niche of the architecture and engineering profession – the design and rehabilitation of the building enclosure – Hoffmann can provide students with practical experience in diagnosis and detailing of exterior envelope systems that they likely would not be exposed to in their architecture or engineering studies.

The internship is optional and declining the offer of an intern position does not necessitate forfeiting the scholarship. Internships are not guaranteed to awardees and are pending mentor availability, workload, and other logistical considerations.

QUESTIONS AND SUPPORT

For questions about the application and scholarship program, please contact:

Connecticut Architecture Foundation

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New Haven, CT 06513

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<https://cafct.org/scholarships/>



Hoffmann Diversity Advancement Scholarship Application

Application deadline is 31 January 2025 at 11:59pm EST.

Only completed applications received by the deadline will be considered. Scholarships will be distributed at the discretion of the Connecticut Architecture Foundation.

Full Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Is this a mobile phone? Yes No

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Gender identity: _____

Please check here to attest that you are from one or more of the following racial/ethnic groups:

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Hispanic: Persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Dominican, Cuban, Central or South American descent of either Native American or Latin American origin, regardless of race.

Asian-Pacific: Persons having origins from the Far East, Southeast Asia or the Pacific Islands.

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Native American or Alaskan Native: Persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America.

Please check one:

- I am currently attending a [National Architectural Accrediting Board \(NAAB\) accredited](#) architecture program.
- I will begin a [NAAB-accredited](#) architecture program in Fall 2025.
- I am currently attending an [Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology \(ABET\) accredited](#) civil or structural engineering program.
- I will begin an [ABET-accredited](#) civil or structural engineering program in Fall 2025.

College/university attending for 2025-2026: _____

Projected date of graduation (month and year): _____

Note: students graduating spring 2025 are not eligible for the scholarship, which is for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Architecture or engineering program office phone number: _____

Please confirm:

- I reside in CT, MA, RI, NY, NJ, PA, DC, DE, MD, or VA *and/or*
- I attend or will attend an architecture or engineering program in CT, MA, RI, NY, NJ, PA, DC, DE, MD, or VA.

I would be interested in an optional paid internship position at one of Hoffmann Architects + Engineers' offices:

New Haven CT Yes No Preferred location

New York NY Yes No Preferred location

Alexandria VA Yes No Preferred location

If selected as a scholarship recipient, I agree to allow the Connecticut Architecture Foundation and Hoffmann Architects + Engineers to use my name and image for publicity and funding purposes:

Yes No

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all answers are subject to verification by the Connecticut Architecture Foundation and that I shall be disqualified from any further consideration if any part of this award submission is found to be falsified or misrepresented.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____

Completed applications must include this application form, along with a cover letter, resumé, and transcript(s). An optional portfolio of drawing/drafting or other creative work may also be included. Please see the Application Requirements section for details on these components and the submission process.

You will receive notification of the scholarship award decision via email at the address you provide above no later than 31 March 2025.