

Overview:

The A4LE Southern Region Foundation offers a competitive merit-based scholarship designed for students who desire financial support for their pursuit of undergraduate and post-graduate educational opportunities. 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.

Scholarship Award:

Each academic year, five (5) student(s) will be selected as the recipients of a **\$3,000.00** A4LE Southern Region Foundation Otto D. Grove Scholarship Award. Students will be selected from within the Southern Region (Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas).

Submission Requirements:

Otto D. Grove Scholarship Award information packets, with all required submission forms, are available on-line at <u>www.a4le.org</u>. The entire scholarship submission requirements will be accepted by submitting via email to Donna Robinson at <u>donna@A4LE.org</u> by 5:00 p.m. on June 27, 2017.

Eligibility Requirements:

The A4LE Southern Region Foundation Advisory Board seeks students for nomination who meet the following eligibility requirements:

- 1. Nominee must complete and submit all application, achievement and essay forms and character recommendation letters required by the A4LE Southern Region Foundation. Character letters should be from professors or teachers and/or representatives from organizations or part time jobs.
- 2. Candidate must be currently enrolled in a bachelors or post-graduate degree program at an accredited post-secondary institution within the Southern Region states.



- 3. Nominee must submit evidence of enrollment at a college or accredited post-secondary institution or show evidence of a college or post-secondary institution acceptance letter.
- 4. Candidates must show evidence that their major is architecture, engineering related to the building environment, construction management, education or another field related to educational facility planning and contributing to the mission of A4LE.

Characteristics Sought in Nominees:

The A4LE Southern Region Foundation Advisory Board seeks students 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 school, college or community activities.

Nomination & Selection Process Timeline:

* <u>June 27, 2017</u>

5:00 p.m. CST on June 27, 2017 is the deadline for receipt of scholarship application form and all required submission materials. The entire scholarship submission requirements will be accepted by submitting via email to Donna Robinson at donna@A4LE.org.

* <u>July 17, 2017</u>

Scholarship winner(s) will be notified by end of day July 17, 2017.

Scholarship Selection Committee:

The A4LE Southern Region Foundation Otto D. Grove Scholarship 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, review eligibility of nominees, select finalists and recommend recipients for scholarship awards.

Judging Guidelines:

Clarity of Expression - Is the material presented logical and coherent? Are the key points, problems and solutions 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 student develop new solutions or procedures? To what extent were the student's talent and insight incorporated into the report? How did the student address any surprising or unforeseen developments?

Knowledge - Does the student demonstrate strong knowledge of the area of inquiry and the underlying issues?

Interpretation - Has the student stated the interpretations and conclusions clearly? Do the conclusions and interpretations follow from the results presented? What are the limits of the interpretations and the conclusions? Are there alternative conclusions that fit the results?

Importance and Validity - Does the essay address the topic or major issue? Does the candidate's work demonstrate a high level of intellectual input and is it innovative? How credible are the data, interpretations and conclusions?

Scholarship Conditions:

- The A4LE Foundation Scholarship candidate can be selected only once (1) throughout their education career.
- The A4LE Foundation Scholarship Award may be used only for tuition, fees, books, room and board.
- Payments from the Southern Region Foundation may be received to supplement, but not to duplicate, benefits from the educational institution or from other foundations, institutions, or organizations.
- The A4LE Foundation may withhold or terminate a scholarship due to unsatisfactory academic performance.
- A4LE reserves the right to publish winning essays.



APPLICATION FORM "A"

(to be completed by the Applicant)

I, ______, a student at ______ (Institution Name), in my ______ year of study, hereby affirm my desire to be considered for the 2017 A4LE Otto D. Grove Scholarship. 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:				
(Stu	udent signature)					
Legal Name in Full:				Sex:	M	F
Permanent Address			City			
State	_ Zip Code					
Phone Number:						
High School Graduated	from:					
Address			City			
State	_ Zip Code					
Enrolled College/Unive	rsity:					
Name		City		State		
College Residence:						
Address			City			
State						
College Major Enrolled	In:					



*** Submission Material Checklist:

- _____ A completed *Otto D. Grove* Application (Form "A").
- _____ Participation and Curricular Achievement (Form "B").
- _____ A completed *Otto D. Grove* Essay (Form "C").
- _____ Three letters of character recommendation.
- _____ Copy of any college Transcripts.
- Copy of enrollment evidence at a college or accredited post-secondary institution or show evidence of a college or post-secondary institution acceptance letter.
- _____ Copy of Driver's License
- _____ All forms and documents should be submitted in a <u>combined file in PDF</u> format. <u>Individual forms and documents are discouraged.</u>



ACHIEVEMENT FORM "B"

(to be completed by the Applicant)

Participation and Curricular Achievement

Complete Achievement Form "B" by chronicling your involvement, leadership and achievement in school, college, community activities or employment. These achievements can include, but are not limited to fine arts, music, sports, acting, theatre, dance, writing, debate or involvement in social, religious, scientific, military, civic and leadership organizations. 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 or Employer	Contact name and number	Hours per Month	Leadership Positions and Responsibilities



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



ESSAY FORM "C"

(to be completed by the Applicant)

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 1,000 words or less, please describe how your elementary, middle, high school or college facility has contributed to the quality of your education. Also, please describe the changes that you would propose to your learning environment that you feel once implemented, would improve the quality of education.

Please attach additional sheets to complete your essay.