



2024 ASLA Student Honor & Merit Award Program Guidelines

The ASLA Student Honor and Merit Award program, administered through the ASLA chapters, is designed to be a collaborative effort between and ASLA chapters and landscape architecture programs. The awards recognize academic achievement, design competence, and interpersonal skills.

Procedures

1. Faculty select the nominees from all eligible candidates (limits based on enrollment, as detailed below). It is highly recommended that students nominated for the competition be Student ASLA members.
2. The ASLA chapter president and the program chair coordinates the formation of a jury to select the Certificate of Honor and Certificate of Merit winners. Per ASLA Bylaws, jurors shall be members of the Society and shall not be faculty associated with the academic program.
3. Hold the jury at the institution, if possible. Each nominee is required to make a twenty-minute presentation of individually executed projects in a format of their choice. If team work is presented, then the student must clearly present the extent of his/her contributions. Nominees who are not selected as Certificate of Honor winners do not automatically receive the Certificate of Merit award. The number of awards given in each category will be monitored closely to ensure that they do not exceed the number maximum for that program.
4. Once the jury has met made its selection(s), the names of the Certificate of Honor and Merit winners should be forwarded immediately to your Chapter President, using the Student Honor & Merit Certificate Order form, with details regarding the process.
5. Your Chapter President will email the electronic certificate(s) to the name provided on the Order Form.

Eligibility Criteria for Nominees (Undergraduate and Graduate Programs)

1. Nominees must be in their final two years of study with an expected graduation date between spring 2024 and spring 2025.
2. Nominees must be truly outstanding as measured by your program's long-term standards of excellence.
3. Nominees must have demonstrated the highest level of academic scholarship and of accomplishments in skills related to the art and technology of landscape architecture.
4. Nominees must have demonstrated personal qualities and skills of:
 - a. responsiveness and willingness to work with others,
 - b. self-motivation and responsibility, and
 - c. design abilities: exploration, discovery, synthesis, and representation of landscape architecture design.



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Nomination Guidelines: Undergraduate Programs

Students must have maintained a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale. The allowable number of nominations is based on the size of the program. Nominees not receiving Certificates of Honor do not automatically receive Certificates of Merit. Program size is determined by the number of students (full and part time) listed as a declared major in the accredited undergraduate landscape architecture program:

Number of Students	Total Number of Nominees	Maximum Number of Honor Awards	Maximum Number of Merit Awards
1-50	2	1	1
51-100	4	2	2
over 100	6	3	3

Nomination Guidelines: Graduate Programs

Students must have maintained a 3.5 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale. The allowable number of nominations is based on the size the program. Nominees not receiving Certificates of Honor do not automatically receive Certificates of Merit. Program size is determined by the number of students (full and part time) listed as a declared major in the accredited graduate landscape architecture program:

Number of Students	Total Number of Nominees	Maximum Number of Honor Awards	Maximum Number of Merit Awards
1-50	2	1	1
51-100	4	2	2
over 100	6	3	3

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