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Dear Madam/Sir:

I'd like to introduce the Society of American Registered Architects (SARA) and the programs we offer on behalf of architecture students across the country and around the world. SARA is a national professional organization of architects. The mission of the organization, established by our founder in 1956, "Architect Helping Architect," is embodied in the programs, awards, and scholarship opportunities available to architecture students through our annual programs offered at national as well as regional levels, as described below.

National Design Awards

- **"The SARAs" - Our National Design Awards Program**
Sponsored by the National Organization

This national design competition is available to all undergraduate and graduate architecture students worldwide. Entries of all of project types are juried by internationally recognized professionals in August of every year, with student submissions due in late Spring. Award recipients are acknowledged during an evening celebration held in mid-October, this year to be held in Miami. You will be receiving detailed information from us, as well as the official announcement of our jury members, in the form of "Save The Dates" and "Call For Entries" blasts. For more information, contact TheSARAs2018@gmail.com.

Regional Council Design Awards

- **The New York State Council Design Awards Program**
Sponsored by the New York Regional Council

This is an annual design competition independently run by our New York Council. Students are encouraged to consider entering this program. Information may be downloaded via the New York Council's website <http://www.sarany.org>.

- **The Pennsylvania Council Student Design Awards**
Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Regional Council

The PA Council awards this honor to an undergraduate student enrolled in an NAAB accredited architecture program located anywhere in the United States. All studio project types are acceptable. Registration opens in the spring, and entries are due during late summer. Award recipients are announced at the PA Council's annual design award celebration held in the fall. More information is available online at the Pennsylvania Council's website, <http://www.sarapa.org/designawards>.

Scholarship Programs

- **SARA Education Fund Past Presidents Student Scholarship Program**
Sponsored by SARA Education Fund Inc.

This \$3,000 educational gift is awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in an accredited architecture school. This program is announced in spring. The scholarship is presented at our national conference held annually in October. Information regarding program criteria and requirements can be obtained by emailing the organization at info@saraeducationfund.org, or online at SARA Education Fund website <https://www.saraeducationfund.org/>.



- **The Sean Mellon Memorial Architectural Scholarship Program**
Sponsored by the New York Regional Council

The New York Council's program, in memory of a high school student who was dear to the organization, is a \$5,000 gift awarded to an architecture student enrolled in a full-time architecture degree program in the United States. In the fall application, the student must exhibit high moral character and strong academic achievement. Award recipients are announced in the spring and invited to participate in a dinner celebration in New York City in the late fall. Information on the program may be accessed by way of the New York Council's website <http://www.sarany.org>.

- **The Pennsylvania Council Student Grant Program**
Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Regional Council

This educational grant is awarded to an undergraduate student enrolled in an accredited architecture school located in PA or to a PA resident attending an accredited program outside of PA. The student must exemplify a passion for architecture, high moral character and a high academic record in the spring application in order to receive this grant. Awards are conferred at the PA Council's annual design award celebration held in the fall. Information on this program may be downloaded by way of the Pennsylvania Council's website <http://www.sarapa.org/student-grant>.

We will keep you informed throughout the year regarding each of these programs, and we look forward to your institution's active participation in our programs, awards, and scholarship opportunities. Helping students succeed in our industry and in our profession will enable us to fulfill our mission.

Membership in SARA is open to both professionals and students. As a member in the society, we distinguish our role by engagement through on-going mentoring, educational venues, tours and conferences. Please contact me if you would like to learn more about SARA and other membership benefits.

Sincerely,

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