

## Endowed Scholarships and Other Financial Support

The Endowed Scholarships are made possible through the generosity of donors to the School of Planning Design and Construction (SPDC) at Michigan State University. During the 2011-12 academic year, more than \$160,000 in scholarships were awarded to Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA) and Master of Environmental Design (MED) students.

The BLA, BLA/MED Dual Degree, and MED students may apply for Endowed Scholarship support each year through SPDC. This is a competitive process which requires submission of an application and essay. The application is normally submitted in January for endowment funding for the following academic year. There are LA specific annual “renewable” scholarships for which students may also apply. In addition, non-competitive scholarships are awarded to BLA or BLA/MED dual degree students for specific events such as conference travel or study abroad. Typically every student who participates in the LA Study Abroad will receive some scholarship funding to help meet expenses.

Requirements for scholarships vary. Some require a demonstrated interest in specific topics in Landscape Architecture. Others have more general requirements such as a minimum GPA. Examples of scholarships available include:

- William C. Stenquist and Kathryn Burgess Stenquist Landscape Architecture Scholarship—Students are selected based on academic excellence.
- Hamilton Anderson Associates, Inc. Scholarship—For students who have an interest in Urban Design and a desire to practice in urban communities in the US.
- John and Patricia Chipman Endowed International Enrichment Program in Landscape Architecture—Funding for study abroad programs.
- Kenneth and Shirley Polakowski Family Scholarship—Awarded to freshman or sophomore students who have financial need. Preference is given to students from Charlevoix County, MI.
- Landscape Architecture Endowment Fund—Given to an outstanding student(s) in design implementation courses.
- Thomas K. and Sheila T. Moore Landscape Architecture Fund—Student accomplishments, essay, GPA and financial need are evaluated for this award.
- John W. Campbell Endowment for Environment Design Masters—For MED students who have a strong inter-disciplinary interest.

If an SPDC scholarship has financial need as a criterion, the amount of need determined by filing the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) with the particular scholarship application.

University-wide scholarships, grants and loans, as well as Federal Financial Aid are awarded through the [MSU Office of Financial Aid](#). Students are strongly encouraged to explore these options.