

WIA NATIONAL WOMENS LEADERSHIP SUMMIT GRANT

GRANT DESCRIPTION

AIA Miami and the Women in Architecture (WIA) Committee are committed to encouraging emerging professionals to speak up and advocate at an early stage in their architectural careers. We encourage all to be part of WLS National, an intense leadership experience, supporting and empowering women in the design industry.

Understanding that summits and conferences are expensive and financially restraining for some to attend, AIA Miami WIA is supporting our WIA community by assisting grant recipients with the cost to participate in this premier event being held in Chicago, October 8 through 10. One grant up to \$1,000 will be awarded each year.

Each grant beneficiary receives AIA Miami community exposure and funds towards attending the AIA National Women's Leadership Summit. Funds will be in the form of reimbursement for travel and registration: flight, hotel, summit registration receipts.

ELIGIBILITY

The AIA Miami WIA Leadership Summit Grant is open to those who would like to further develop their leadership skills and meet the following criteria:

- Identify as Female
- AIA Miami Associate or AIA Miami Membership
- AIA Miami board members are not eligible

SCHEDULE

- Open: Monday, June 17th, 2024.
- Deadline: Monday, August 19th, 2024, by 11:59pm EST
- Recipient Notification: Monday, September 2nd, 2024
- Official Announcements (please plan on attending each event):
 - WIA 8x8x2, October 3rd. A complimentary ticket will be provided for each awardee.
 - Annual AIA Design Awards Gala, October 18th, 2024. A complimentary ticket will be provided for each awardee.
 - AIA Miami website and social media accounts - headshot and short bio needed
- Women's Leadership Summit: October 2024 (8th through 10th) in Chicago

APPLICATION CRITERIA

Applicant must submit the following:

- Headshot as a separate file: **LastName.FirstName.Headshot.pdf**
- Short bio as a separate file: **LastName.FirstName.Bio.pdf**

- 1 compiled PDF as separate file: **LastName.FirstName.AIA WIA WLS Grant.pdf**
 - maximum 15MB, in order shown below
 - Resume
 - One Letter of Recommendation from a professional in the industry
 - Letter of Interest including a description of what you hope to learn when you attend WLS and how you will share your experiences with other emerging professionals. (500 word maximum)

Grant Award recipient Obligations:

- Present to WIA committee a summary of their WLS experience
- Grant must be used by Grant recipient
- Travel and registration related expenses paid upon submission of receipts
- Must attend upcoming (October 2024) Leadership Summit
- Attendance at the 2024 at the AIA Miami Design Awards Celebration
- Attendance at the 2024 annual WIA 8x8x2
- Submit a short video, 59 seconds max, telling us a little bit about receiving the grant and impact that attending the summit had on you.

The Grant is awarded based on recommendations of the Selection Committee, as appointed by the AIA Miami Scholarship Committee and the AIA Miami WIA Committee.

None of the submitted materials will be returned to the applicant and may be retained and used by AIA Miami.