Southern Region Foundation
2016 Otto D. Grove Scholarship

Overview:

The A4LE Southern Region Foundation offers a competitive merit-based scholarship designed for undergraduate and post-graduate students who desire financial support for their pursuit of undergraduate and post-graduate educational opportunities. Each academic year, student(s) will be selected as the recipient(s) of a $3,000.00 A4LE Southern Region Foundation Otto D. Grove Scholarship Award. Student(s) 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 from the A4LE office located at 11445 E. Via Linda, Suite 2-440, Scottsdale, Arizona, 85259 or on-line at www.A4LE.org. The entire scholarship submission requirements will be accepted by mailing a hard copy to the A4LE office or by email to carla@a4le.org by 5:00 p.m. on June 20, 2016.

Eligibility Requirements:

The A4LE Southern Region Foundation 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.
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 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.
4. Active participation in campus and community activities.

Submission Materials:

1. A completed Otto D. Grove Application (Form "A").
2. Participation and Curricular Achievement Form (Form "B").
3. A completed Otto D. Grove Essay Form (Form "C").
4. Three letters of character recommendation.

Nomination & Selection Process Timeline:

* **June 20, 2016**
5:00 p.m. CST on June 20, 2016 is the deadline for receipt of scholarship application form and all required submission materials. The entire scholarship submission requirements will be accepted by mailing a hard copy to the A4LE office located at 11445 E. Via Linda, Suite 2-440, Scottsdale, Arizona 85259 or an email to carla@a4le.org by 5:00 p.m. on June 20, 2016.

* **July 1, 2016**
Scholarship candidates will be notified by this date of their selection as the recipient of the A4LE Southern Region Foundation Otto D. Grove Scholarship.

Scholarship Selection Committee:

The A4LE Southern Region Foundation Otto D. Grove Scholarship selection committee will be comprised of the Advisory Council appointed by the A4LE Southern Region Board of Directors. The Southern Region Foundation Advisory Council develops the scholarship criteria and policies, review eligibility of nominees, select finalists and recommend recipients of the scholarship award to the Southern Region Board of Directors for final award.
Selection Process:

Application and all required submission materials must be submitted and received by June 20, 2016. The Scholarship Selection Committee will review all candidate submissions and select student(s) from within the Southern Region as recipient of the A4LE Southern Region Foundation Otto D. Grove Scholarship.

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 Scholarship Foundation candidate can be selected only once (1) throughout their education career. The A4LE 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 Scholarship Foundation may withhold or terminate a scholarship due to unsatisfactory academic performance. A4LE reserves the right to publish winning essays.
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APPLICATION FORM "A"  
(to be completed by the Applicant)  

I, ____________________________, a student at ______________________ College, in my ____________ year of study, hereby affirm my desire to be considered for the 2016 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: ________________  
(Student signature)

Legal Name in Full ________________________________  Sex ___M  ___F

Permanent Address: ____________________________________________

City/State/Zip _________________  Phone Number (___)

College Name: ____________________

College Address: ____________________________________________  

I have enclosed the following required Submission Materials with this Application Form "A":

__ Achievement Form "B".
__ Essay Form "C".
__ Copy of college application(s) and/or acceptance letter(s).
__ Three (3) character recommendation letters.

This Application Form "A", Achievement Form "B", Essay Form "C", college application(s) and/or acceptance letter(s), and three (3) character recommendation letters must be received by mailing a hard copy to the A4LE office located at 11445 E. Via Linda, Suite 2-440, Scottsdale, Arizona 85259 or an email to carla@a4le.org by 5:00 p.m. on June 20, 2016.
Participation and Curricular Achievement

Complete Achievement Form "C" by chronicling your involvement, leadership and achievement in school, college and community activities. 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.

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