



Grant Available for Community-Based Leadership Training

Encouraging members to enhance their leadership ability, AIA Florida Gulf Coast is offering a full Grant to a qualified Chapter member for a Gulf Coast leadership training program in 2017-2018. The Grant will help offset the financial commitment of AIA members participating in programs outside of the architecture profession, such as those sponsored by a local Chamber of Commerce.

The purpose of this Grant is to support members seeking to build on their expertise as leaders and create a larger network of leadership opportunities for members in our community.

Building a stronger and larger network of AIA member leaders means that we are better prepared to become involved in political issues affecting community planning and development or serve as spokespersons for issues important to the designed environment and quality of life in communities. Most important, more AIA members trained as leaders means they can bring meaningful insight as mentors to identify and support developing opportunities for more AIA members to participate in community-based leadership programs.

The Grant will be awarded to a Gulf Coast AIA member, who will receive up to \$1,500* for reimbursement of the tuition for approved community-based leadership training programs. Grant applicants must be accepted into eligible training programs during 2017, and includes community-based training administered outside of the architecture profession deemed eligible at the discretion of the AIA. All decisions are final.

The application deadline is **August 31, 2017**. The Grant will be awarded by **September 30, 2017**.

*The Grant is considered taxable income to the recipient and the recipient will receive an IRS form 1099 at the end of the year reflecting the amount paid by the AIA to the recipient.

How to Apply

To be eligible, an applicant must be an AIA member (Architect member, Associate AIA, International Associate AIA)* in good standing and submit the following:

- Letter of interest
- Notice of acceptance into a leadership training program
- Description and program schedule of the Leadership training program
- Invoice or receipt of payment of tuition by the participant
- Completed IRS form W-9 with taxpayer information

Submit all required materials to info@aiagulfcoast.org with the subject line "AIA Community-Based Leadership Grant Application." Submissions are due by 5:00 pm, EST, August 31, 2017