JOHN J. NÉLSON SR.

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

IIDA FOUNDATION

The John J. Nelson Sr.
Legacy Scholarship
benefits and furthers the
study of interior design and
architecture by students
of African American descent
with scholarship funds up to
\$10,000 for each recipient.

AWARDS

Up to two recipients will be eligible to receive up to \$10,000 each in scholarship funds.

IMPORTANT DATES

Submissions Open August 5, 2025

Deadline to Enter October 3, 2025

Submissions ReviewedOctober 2025

Recipients NotifiedJanuary 2026

WHO SHOULD ENTER

Undergraduate students of African American descent who are currently enrolled in a U.S. notfor-profit, CIDA-accredited interior design, or NAAB-accredited architecture program.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students must submit a three-tofive minute video describing how the power of design has impacted their lives and how they will proactively leverage their career in design to positively impact their future clients and community.



QUESTIONS

Contact foundation@IIDA.org

TO APPLY

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