



## Surface Design Association

# Outstanding Student Award

The recipient of the Surface Design Association Outstanding Student Award receives a certificate and a one-year digital membership to the Surface Design Association, which includes all member benefits and a digital copy of the quarterly SDA Journal.

**PURPOSE** The purpose of the award is to carry out Surface Design Association's mission, supporting the field of textiles and fiber art, by rewarding the innovative work of students and providing exposure to a high level professional association in their chosen field.

**ELIGIBILITY** The *Outstanding Student Award* is presented each year to a student enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate program at a college or university with a fiber, fashion or costume design department at the time of application (spring term).

**STIPULATIONS** The recipient is recommended by the Chair/Head of the department. The award is based on artistic and technical merit, quality of design, and professional presentation.

**Awards must be reviewed by the SDA Award and Grant Administrator prior to notification to the student recipient.** Please check with the Awards Administrator prior to announcing the award to make sure award certificates are ready and available.

[awardsadministrator@surfacedesign.org](mailto:awardsadministrator@surfacedesign.org).

### **STUDENTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**

- Undergraduate senior or graduate student.
- Created a cohesive and professionally accomplished body of work, i.e., work that would make a strong one-person show.
- Participated in all areas of the fiber and surface design curriculum and is accomplished in one area.
- Demonstrated inventive and innovative use of technique, materials, or concepts.
- Shared knowledge generously with students and worked toward common group goals in the program.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

One instructor or Chair/Head of the Department per school may recommend one student enrolled in a fiber-related degree program for the award:

- The instructor or Chair/Head of the Department must submit via email the student's name, mailing address, email address, one high resolution image of the student work and title of the artwork to SDA Awards and Grants Administrator.
- Upon approval, the instructor or Chair/Head will receive a certificate to present to the student and a complimentary membership form to be filled out by the student and returned to SDA.
- Direct materials to SDA Awards and Grants Administrator-  
[awardsadministrator@surfacedesign.org](mailto:awardsadministrator@surfacedesign.org).

**DEADLINES AND CONTACT INFORMATION** Submission period is March 1 - April 1. Award notification will be during the second week of April.

For further information about the *Outstanding Student Award*, please contact SDA Award and Grant Administrator; [awardsadministrator@surfacedesign.org](mailto:awardsadministrator@surfacedesign.org).