



## SURFACE DESIGN ASSOCIATION

### Guidelines for Creative Promise Award for Student Excellence

SDA awards the Creative Promise Award for Student Excellence once a year to recognize excellence in a body of work by two outstanding students in the amount of \$500 each. The available funds may vary from year to year.

#### APPLICATION

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the award is to recognize the innovative work of student members of the Surface Design Association. Awards may be applied to tuition, materials, equipment, educational travel, or any other expenses related to professional development.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- **This award is open to all SDA student members, including international.** Only current SDA members may apply for the Creative Promise Award.

Not a member? Learn about our [member benefits and how to join](#). SDA also awards membership through our [Community Support Fund](#) to those facing financial barriers to joining.

- SDA Board members and staff may *not* apply while in office or employed by the organization.
- At the time of applying, the applicant must be a student. SDA defines a student as:  
*Someone who is engaged in a mentor/mentee relationship with a knowledgeable instructor in their field, for the purpose of gaining instruction. This includes, but is not limited to: institutional settings including K-12; community organizations; craft institutions; visual art organizations; intergenerational learning environments, and other experiences in which an individual may learn/absorb/practice/create new skills and knowledge over a period of time.*
- Applicants must submit images of work that includes fiber art and/or textile-based materials, methods, and techniques.

### STIPULATIONS

The award is based on artistic and technical merit, quality of design, and professional presentation. Work must be professionally mounted, photographed and presented.

- All application materials will be retained and if awarded, may be used at the discretion of SDA.
- Within six months of receiving the award, a written report outlining how the award funds were used must be sent to the [SDA Education Committee](#).

### APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

- Complete and submit the application form available on SDA's website.
- The application form must be submitted by 11:59 pm PT on the deadline date.
- The Committee requires two months for review of applications and notification of awardees.
- Please be specific and describe the project in detail.
- Budgets must be complete, well-organized and include line items that clearly show how the project is being funded.

### DEADLINES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

**Application due:** July 1, 2023

**Notification date by:** August 1, 2023

**Payment dates:** 30 days following receipt of grant winner's W-9/W-8 form, as requested in the award notification. If this requirement presents an issue, please contact us at:

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

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For questions, please contact the [SDA Education Committee](#)