



SURFACE DESIGN ASSOCIATION

Outstanding Student Award

The recipients of the Surface Design Association *Outstanding Student Award* receive a certificate, a digital badge, the opportunity to be selected for a feature in the Fall *Journal*, and a one-year digital membership to the Surface Design Association, which includes all member benefits, and a digital copy of the quarterly *Surface Design Journal*. [Full benefits listed here.](#)

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 across SDA's social media platforms.

ELIGIBILITY The *Outstanding Student Award* is presented each year to students enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate art/ design program at a college or university, with a fiber focus, or a high school program with a fiber focus, at the time of application (spring term).

STIPULATIONS The recipient is nominated by an instructor or faculty member. A nomination to the *Outstanding Student Award* should be based on artistic and technical merit, quality of design, innovation, and professional presentation. Faculty/instructors who nominate students will be contacted in mid-April with student certificates.

STUDENTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Be enrolled in a high school, undergraduate or graduate program at a college or university or other art-based educational program at the time of application.
- Created a cohesive and professionally accomplished body of work using fiber and textiles as their preferred medium .
- Demonstrated inventive and innovative use of technique, materials, or concepts in the field of fiber and textiles.

NOMINATION PROCESS

One instructor per school may recommend only one student for the *Outstanding Student Award*:

- The instructor must complete and submit the [Nomination Application](#) by April 1.
- At the beginning of April, students will be sent a link to fill out the OSA Student Form as a way to collect the following information: name, mailing address, preferred email address, one high resolution image of the student work (.jpg or .png format, up to 15 MB), artwork details, instagram handles, as well as school and program information.
- By mid-April, the instructor will receive a certificate to present to the student.
- In late April, student awardees will receive a welcome email from SDA outlining their member

benefits, instructions on how to complete their membership, a link to a zoom meetup, information about other SDA student opportunities, and their digital badge for social media promotion.

DEADLINES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Nomination period: March 1 - April 1

Students are notified of their award: Mid-April

For further information about the *Outstanding Student Award*, please contact SDA's Education Committee at education@surfacedesign.org.