

Applicant Name: _____

Exam Scholarship Application

How to Submit:

- Applications will be accepted 9/1/25 – 10/31/25
- Submit in PDF format to **scholarship@cidq.org**
- Submission **deadline** for the 2026 program: 10/31/25
- Scholars will be notified by 12/5/2025 for the 2026 NCIDQ Exam administrations (April & October)
- Incomplete or late applications will not be considered

SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR 2026 NCIDQ EXAMS:**October 31, 2025**

To be eligible, the applicant must have a CIDQ-approved NCIDQ Exam application at time of application submission.

Goals for the CIDQ DEI Scholarship include:

- To provide individuals from underrepresented groups (racial and ethnic backgrounds, gender identities, sexual orientations, and/or disabilities) in the interior design community with access and opportunities to advance their careers.
- To provide the interior design community with increased access to a diverse pool of talented professionals.

Eligibility:

To be eligible:

- The applicant must be from a historically underrepresented group.
- **The applicant MUST have a CIDQ-approved NCIDQ Exam application at time of the scholarship application.**

Scholarship Details:

- Scholarships are available to offset **exam fees only** for any of the three sections of the NCIDQ Exam (does not include application fees, study materials, or other ancillary expenses).
- Scholarships will be awarded annually — and can be applied toward the spring (April) and/or fall (October) exam administrations in 2026.
- Scholarships are only redeemable for the fiscal year for which they are awarded.
- Award decisions will be made based on how clearly your ideas are expressed and how you communicate your lived and learned experiences.
- Your application will not be shared publicly without your explicit consent. Only the internal DEI Scholarship review committee will see your answers and they will not be saved for future use. If we would like to use your statement for any type of outreach or engagement, we'll discuss it with you to obtain your written permission.

Demographics:

The following demographic questions help CIDQ meet our goals of increasing diversity, ensuring equity, and fostering inclusion.

- Gender (self-describe, e.g., cis woman, non-binary, trans man, trans woman, agender, etc.) _____
- Sexual Orientation (self-describe, e.g., lesbian, bisexual, asexual, etc.) _____
- Race (self-describe, e.g., Black, Asian, Indigenous, bi/multi-racial, etc.) _____
- Nationality _____
- Immigrant/refugee identity _____
- Disability _____

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First Name (what you would like to be called): _____

Last Name: _____

Email: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Address: _____

Company Name (if applicable): _____

Job Title (if applicable): _____

Summary of Resume

BRIEFLY outline work history/awards/volunteer and/or community service/leadership positions in bulleted form

200–300 words (max 2000 characters):

How did you hear about this scholarship?

- ☐ CIDQ Email
- ☐ CIDQ Website
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ CIDQ Annual Meeting
- ☐ Supervisor/Colleague
- ☐ Friend/Family

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Statement

400–600 words (max 3500 characters):

Tell us about why you are applying for this scholarship.

How will receiving this scholarship impact you?

Describe how your experience as an underrepresented individual in the interior design profession has impacted your professional path.

Connect with us



Connecting with CIDQ/NCIDQ Exam on social media is not necessary to be considered, but we would love to connect with you via Facebook or Instagram: @NCIDQexam AND LinkedIn: CIDQ

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