



Architecture Week 2026 Component Grant

The American Institute of Architects is committed to inspiring K-12 students who will meet the future needs of an ever-evolving profession. Starting early is the key, and Architecture Week is ideal timing to highlight the benefits of pursuing architecture as a viable career path. Architecture Week serves to:

- Inspire youth to learn about the power of design.
- Nourish curiosity to engage in solving grand challenges with design.
- Connect students with architects and design professionals.

With this grant, AIA is pleased to support state and local components, or their affiliated foundations, in their efforts to inspire K-12 students during Architecture Week. Component collaborations are welcome; collaborations with local NOMA/NOMAS/AIAS/ACE Mentor chapters (if applicable) are encouraged.

The Architecture Week Component Grant program is in its second year with a limited budget. Grants will be awarded based on funding availability.

The [application](#) will be open from August 15, 2025 through October 15, 2025. All applications will be considered between October 16 and 31. Grant funds received should be applied toward Architecture Week 2026 activations with K-12 students, with priority funding given to components which:

- activate during Architecture Week 2026 (April 12-18);
- incorporate at least one of AIA's two strategic goals of climate action and/or advancing racial, gender, and ethnic equity;
- maximize the number of student engagements.

CRITERIA

The criteria for grant funding eligibility include:

- The program will occur during Architecture Week 2026 (April 12-18).
- The grant must be used for an activation with K-12 students that incorporates at least one of AIA's two strategic goals.
- Only one Architecture Week grant per component per year. Component collaborations are welcome.
- Components may apply for one grant ranging from \$100-\$1500. Depending on the number and amount of requests, it is possible not all components requesting grants will receive funding.
- The component or foundation recipient must receive grant funds via e-payment (ACH) only, to be sent via Bill.com.
- **The component will apply for a mayoral Architecture Week [proclamation](#). (New for 2026.)**
- The component or foundation will post details and photos to their own social media accounts.
- The component or foundation will be featured in Component Update in the months leading up to Architecture Week.
- The component or foundation will provide specific details upon completion of the activation (form will be emailed).

DEADLINE/PAYMENTS

The deadline for final applications is October 15, 2025. Applications will be reviewed and approved by October 31, 2025. AIA will process all grant payments by December 31, 2025. Funds will be distributed via Bill.com e-payment (ACH deposit).

GRANT TIMELINE

Call announced: August 12, 2025

Applications due: October 15, 2025

Requests approved/denied: October 31, 2025

Funds dispersed: by December 31, 2025