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**Inspiring the Next Generation Through Architecture: Applications for MAF’s Education Awareness Grants Program Being Accepted Through April 1, 2023**

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*to benefit K-12 students throughout the state of Michigan*

DETROIT, Feb. 7, 2023 - The Michigan Architectural Foundation (MAF) is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for its new Education Awareness Grants Program. The grants, which will be awarded annually, support architecture-based education projects and programs intended to benefit students K-12 students throughout the state of Michigan. Grant applications close April 1, 2023.

“MAF is excited to provide resources through this new grant program to support innovative K-12 architecture-based educational initiatives, and help organizations fuel children’s imaginations and exploration of the built environment,” said Tom Mathison, FAIA, MAF Education Awareness Grants Committee Chair.  “As with all MAF programming, initiatives supported by the grants will promote an awareness and understanding of how architecture enriches life in Michigan.”

Each year, the grant program will award up to $20,000. Funds may be awarded to a single recipient or to multiple recipients, at the discretion of the MAF Education Awareness Grant Committee. Applicants must be 501(c)(3) organizations, and may include but are not limited to public broadcasters, summer camps, neighborhood associations, public libraries, children’s museums, and other non-profit entities.

Grant Application requirements include the following:

* Cover Letter, with an executive summary, explaining why you are requesting this grant, what outcomes you hope to achieve, and how you will spend the funds, if awarded.
* Completed Information Sheet and Program Profile
* Exhibits, including graphic material, photographs or other imagery appropriate to your case for support.

Grant Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

* ***Promotion:***How does the program promote an understanding and learning of architecture by students ages 18 or younger?
* ***Audience:***How many students will likely engage with or receive this program either directly or through media channels?
* ***Leverage:*** To what extent will this investment attract other resources or other organizations to support the program’s objectives?
* ***Need:*** How important is the grant money to the organization and its ability to produce the program?
* ***Results:*** What is the likely outcome or result of the program after its completion?
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The grant application process will open in January of each award year, and close on April 1 of the award year.  Grants are awarded once annually, on May 1 of each year. Grant recipients are eligible to receive up to one grant per calendar year. Recipients must apply each year to be eligible in that year. [Click here to find out more about the application criteria, requirements, and how to apply.](https://michiganarchitecturalfoundation.org/grants/maf-education-awareness-grants/) For additional questions about the grant program or the grant application process, contact Tom Mathison, FAIA, MAF Education Awareness Grants Committee Chair, tom@mathisonarchitects.com.

*The Michigan Architectural Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to advancing awareness of how architecture enriches life. By serving as a resource for funding, information, and educational architecture-related programs, MAF increases appreciation for architecture, which in turn encourages cohesive, sustainable communities, increases economic value, and adds beauty to our built environment. Visit* [*michiganarchitecturalfoundation.org*](https://michiganarchitecturalfoundation.org/)*.*

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