



## Outstanding Student Award Application Guidelines

### **Availability**

The recipient of the Surface Design Association Outstanding Student Award receives a certificate and a one-year membership to the Surface Design Association. A photo of each recipient's work will be displayed on the SDA web site gallery.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the award is to increase awareness of the Surface Design Association by rewarding the innovative work of students, and by providing exposure to a high level professional association in their chosen field.

### **Eligibility**

The Outstanding Student Award is presented each year to a student enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate program at a college or university with a fiber, fashion, or costume design department at the time of application (spring term).

### **Stipulations**

The recipient is selected by the Chair/Head of the department. The award is based on artistic and technical merit, quality of design, and professional presentation.

The student must meet the following criteria:

- Be an undergraduate senior or graduate student.
- Have created a cohesive and professionally accomplished body of work, i.e. work that would make a strong one-person show.
- Have participated in all areas of the fiber and surface design curriculum and is accomplished in one area.
- Has demonstrated inventive and innovative use of technique, materials, or concepts.
- Has shared knowledge generously with students and worked toward common group goals in the program.
- Have professional plans in fibers, surface design, fashion, or costume field.

### **Application Process**

An instructor or Chair/Head of the Department may select a student enrolled in a fiber-related degree program for the award.

1. The instructor or Chair/Head of the Department submits the student's name and address to SDA Director of Education at [education@surfacedesign.org](mailto:education@surfacedesign.org).
2. Within 3 weeks the instructor or Chair/Head will receive a certificate to present to the student and a complimentary membership form to be filled out by the student and returned to SDA. Also included will be instructions for submitting a jpeg image of the student's work for the website gallery.

**Deadlines and Contact Information**

Deadline for submitting applications is April 1.

For further information about the Outstanding Student Award, please contact the SDA Director of Education: [education@surfacedesign.org](mailto:education@surfacedesign.org)