



Surface Design
Association

Surface Design Association Grants & Awards

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) 2016

GRANTS

Q: Are there funds available for the 2016 calendar year?

A: Yes! Please apply for a grant or award in 2016.

Q: How do I submit my grant application?

A: Please email your digital application to awardsadministrator@surfacedesign.org. If you have many images and would like to send them in separate emails, please be clear about how many emails the Grants & Awards Administrator should expect.

Q: Is there anyone available to review my grant application and provide feedback?

A: We are a volunteer-run committee and do not have the resources to review grants prior to submission. We encourage you to use your peers and other Surface Design Association members as resources.

Q: When will I hear back about my grant application?

A: SDA Grant & Awards Administrator will reply that they have received your application. The grant notification date is listed on each individual grant prospectus here: <http://www.surfacedesign.org/events-exhibits/award-galleries/>. We strive to email you on or before the date listed.

Q: Do I need to be a member of the Surface Design Association to apply for a grant?

A: Yes. Our awards & grants program is one of many benefits of membership! Review these benefits at <http://www surfacedesign.org/members/member-benefits/>

Q: Where do I send my final grant report?

A: Please email it to the Grants & Awards Administrator at awardsadministrator@surfacedesign.org. If you would like to physically mail materials, please email the Grants & Awards Administrator for the current address.

Q: I received a Personal Development Grant in the past. May I apply again?

A: Yes. Grantees may not re-apply for a grant in 2 consecutive calendar years and may not receive more than 2 personal development grants.

Q: Can I use my Small Events Grant money to fund reception food or entertainment?

A: No.

Q: How do I update my SDA member profile so that I can apply for a grant or award?

A: To update your profile, please visit the “Join SDA” page on our website.

Q: Should I take pictures of my event or project?

A: Yes! Please document your event or project and share them with us.

Q: When is my final grant report due?

A: Recipients of grants must submit a final report to Awards & Grants Administrator awardsadministrator@surfacedesign.org within 1 month of completion of the project.

If the project extends over 1 year, 6-month progress reports are required and must include all expenses incurred within the 6-month period and documented by submission of invoices, receipts or copies of cancelled checks.

Q: Should I submit a press release about my grant?

A: Yes! Please see the article here for helpful information: <http://www surfacedesign.org/how-to-write-a-press-release-create-a-press-list/>

AWARDS

Q: Are there funds available for the 2016 calendar year?

A: Yes! Please apply for a grant or award in 2016.

Q: As a fiber, fashion design or textile design professor, do I need to be a current SDA member in order to nominate a student for an award?

A: No. Neither professor nor student is required to be an SDA member. We are asking the Chair/Head of the department in colleges/universities with fiber, fashion or costume design departments to submit the nomination. We realize that some departments are structured in ways that the chair of a department might not be a fiber professor.

We encourage you to join SDA for the benefits! <http://www surfacedesign.org/members/member-benefits/>

Q: I have just applied to graduate school in fibers for the fall semester. Am I eligible for the Creative Promise Award for Student Excellence?

A: If you have not been enrolled in a fiber program (undergraduate or graduate) in the spring semester, then you are not eligible. You would be eligible the following year. The award recognizes excellence in a body of work by 2 outstanding students, 1 undergrad and 1 graduate.

Q: Do I need to be a student member of SDA in order to apply for the Creative Promise Award for Student Excellence?

A: Yes. The membership fee is reduced for students and is also available as a digital-only option. Join for the benefits to your future in the arts! <http://www surfacedesign.org/members/member-benefits/>

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A: Please email your application to awardsadministrator@surfacedesign.org

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Q: When is my final award report due?

A: Recipients of Creative Promise Awards for Student Excellence must submit a final report to the Awards & Grants Administrator awardsadministrator@surfacedesign.org within 1 year of receiving the award. A written report on the use of the money is to be sent to the SDA Awards & Grants Administrator.