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### Creative Promise Award for Student Excellence

The *Creative Promise Award for Student Excellence* is given once a year by the Surface Design Association to recognize excellence in a body of work by two outstanding students: one undergraduate and one graduate. Awards may be applied to tuition, materials, equipment, educational travel, or any other expenses related to professional development. The Graduate Creative Promise Award is \$600 and the Undergraduate Creative Promise Award is \$400.

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of the award is to recognize the innovative work of student members of the Surface Design Association.

#### ELIGIBILITY

The *Creative Promise Award for Student Excellence* is presented to two students, one undergraduate and one graduate, enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate program art or design program at the time of application (spring term).

The student's body of work should be fiber. Students may be enrolled in academic programs that may include but are not limited to: fibers, textile design, fashion design, studio art, or sculpture. Programs of study are not limited to the United States or Canada; students may be enrolled in programs internationally. **The students must be current SDA members.**

#### STIPULATIONS

The award is based on artistic and technical merit, quality of design, and professional presentation. Work must be professionally mounted, photographed and presented.

- All application materials will be retained and may be used at the discretion of SDA.
- Within one year of receiving the award, a written report on the use of the money is to be sent to the SDA Awards and Grant Administrator.

#### Application Process

Applicants must submit the following information:

- Contact information with name, address, school, email, phone, and website address, if available;
- Copy of a transcript or grade report showing current enrollment;
- Recommendations from two instructors who are familiar with your work;
- Resume of experience and awards.
- Eight to ten digital images of work with at least two details; and
- Image description sheet.
- Artist statement.
- Incomplete or illegible applications may be disqualified.

## **DEADLINES AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Submit applications by:** June 1

**Award Notification by:** September 1.

**Payment dates:** 30 days following receipt of award winner's W-9 form, as requested in Award notification.

The decisions of the SDA Awards Committee are final. Students will be responsible for any tax liability.

**Questions** should be directed to the SDA Award and Grant Administrator:  
[awardsadministrator@surfacedesign.org](mailto:awardsadministrator@surfacedesign.org).