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# **FREE MEMBERSHIP TO ASLA/CTASLA FOR UConn STUDENTS AND EMERGING PROFESSIONALS**

The Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (CTASLA) represents, educates, and advocates for the profession of landscape architecture in the state. We recognize and value the contributions of students and emerging professionals as vital to the future of landscape architecture.

Unfortunately, the cost of ASLA membership dues is frequently a barrier to meaningful participation by students and emerging professionals. Our chapter is committed to removing that obstacle by providing a sponsorship program in exchange for volunteer service hours

This opportunity is open to all sophomores, juniors, and seniors with a declared major in Landscape Architecture at the University of Connecticut, as well as to all emerging professionals working in Connecticut within a two-year time frame following graduation.

To apply, please provide a 250-word essay describing how you hope being involved with CTASLA will help you launch a fulfilling career in landscape architecture and submit it to [emergingprofessionals@ctasla.org](mailto:emergingprofessionals@ctasla.org).



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## **1. Why Does CTASLA Offer This Sponsorship Program?**

We recognize how vital it is to have participation from students, emerging professionals, and diversity of all kinds (gender, racial, age, and income) within our membership to ensure we properly represent all of the diverse communities we serve. We also recognize that paying dues can be cost-prohibitive.

## **2. Do You Have A Limit on the Number of Applications That You Will Accept?**

No! We will accept any and all applications from students and emerging professionals. Every applicant will be eligible to have their membership dues covered if they successfully complete the prescribed volunteer service hours.

## **4. When Are Applications Due?**

CTASLA will accept and review applications on a rolling basis throughout the year. Applicants are encouraged to apply at their earliest convenience. Applications will be reviewed by the CTASLA Emerging Professionals Committee.

## **5. How Many Service Hours Are Required? What Will I Be Asked To Do?**

We require at least three (3) hours of service in order to qualify for free membership.

Based on your application essay, we will involve you in a meaningful project that supports CTASLA in our mission, helps enhance your understanding of our craft, and sets you on a path to becoming a successful professional. Possibilities include assisting with one of our continuing education programs; writing an article for our publications; contributing to our advocacy efforts; or helping with other chapter business.

## **6. When Does My Membership Start?**

Upon satisfactory completion of volunteer hours, CTASLA will directly pay for one year of your membership to the American Society of Landscape Architects including CTASLA chapter dues.

## **7. Am I Eligible to Apply If I Am Currently an ASLA Member?**

Yes, as long as you qualify as either a student or emerging professional within two (2) years of graduation. Prior sponsorship awardees are encouraged to reapply.