



MIA Natural Stone Scholarship

2011 Application Due September 9, 2011

The **MIA Natural Stone Scholarship** was established by the Marble Institute of America to provide educational opportunities for aspiring fabricators, installers, or administrative apprentices interested in furthering their careers within the natural stone industry.

The scholarship will cover travel and registration costs for one or more recipients to **StonExpo/Marmomacc Americas**, the natural stone industry's premier exhibition and education event, held **January 23-26, 2012** at the **Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada**. The MIA Natural Stone Scholarship winner(s) will also attend **MIA's Annual Meeting**.

Attendance at **StonExpo/Marmomacc Americas** and the **MIA Annual Meeting** offers the scholarship winner the opportunity to gain valuable technical and practical knowledge, meet and network with leading stone professionals, deepen his or her commitment to a career in the stone industry, and explore his or her potential for future leadership.

Funds are made possible through the generous donations of MIA members worldwide: total donations will determine the number of scholarship recipients each year. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of the MIA Board of Directors, MIA staff, and industry veterans.

Scholarship Selection Criteria:

- Applicants must have fewer than five years of experience in the natural stone industry and work for an MIA member company.
- Applicants must submit an application form and essay detailing their commitment to the natural stone industry, along with a letter of recommendation from their employer.
- Applications must be received at MIA headquarters by **September 9, 2011**.

"The MIA Natural Stone Scholarship provided me with the opportunity to attend StonExpo in Las Vegas. I was exposed to many topics and ideas that are out of the realm of my normal day-to-day duties. I also had the chance to meet and talk to current, past, and future leaders of the natural stone industry. The knowledge I gained along with the connections I made are sure to help not only me, but my company as well, excel in the industry."

Joe Durfee, 2010 Recipient
Great Lakes Granite & Marble, Redford, MI

"It was a great honor, and I am humbled to have received this prestigious award. While at StonExpo, I met many extraordinary industry veterans. The knowledge and advice I gained from these individuals was priceless. Winning was a career-changing experience."

Michael Schumacher, 2009 Recipient
Valders Stone and Marble, Inc., Valders, WI

Application Information

Name: _____

Title: _____

Company name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Work phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Please attach the following on separate sheets:

- A 250- to 500-word typed essay explaining your commitment to the natural stone industry and why you desire a career in natural stone. Include information about your current position, your knowledge level, and your future goals for your career in the industry.
- A letter of recommendation from a member of your company's management staff describing your commitment and potential for future leadership within the natural stone industry.

Questions? Please call Helen Distelhorst at 440-250-9222 or fax to 440-250-9223.



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