

Landscape Architect Student Scholarship

2026 WI ASLA Awards Program



Eligibility

The Wisconsin Chapter ASLA is pleased to announce a scholarship challenge for current 2nd, 3rd, & 4th year UW-Madison Landscape Architecture undergraduate students enrolled in the program.

“One Plaza. One Move. 90 Minutes.”

How can one landscape architecture move make this place better?

The Helen C. White south plaza is your canvas, but you choose the scale. Zoom all the way in and re-think a detail. Transform a corner. Introduce a new experience. Address an environmental challenge. Or zoom out and reconsider the entire plaza.

There is no required scale and no “right” type of intervention. We’re looking for one compelling idea, communicated simply and visually.

Your move might:

- Create shade or comfort
- Bring nature into the plaza
- Manage storm water
- Support gathering or connection
- Introduce play or delight
- Improve accessibility
- Celebrate identity or place
- Rethink materials or details

This isn't studio. Give yourself about 90 minutes to develop and communicate one great idea.

Deadline

All entries must be received by **5:00 PM CST on Friday, October 9, 2026**

Scholarship Winning Entries

The scholarship winners will be notified by October 31, 2026.

Winner: \$1,500

Runner-Up: \$500

Jury

The entries will be juried by members of WI ASLA. The scholarship will be awarded to the entrants who best convey the following:

- Idea - Is the move compelling?
- Impact - Could it improve the plaza?
- Communication - Is the idea immediately understandable and visually engaging?

Design Challenge Requirements

1. Name Your Move: A title of up to 5 words
2. Show Your Move: One image. Any medium is welcome: sketch, collage, rendering, plan, section, diagram, model, marked-up photograph, etc.
3. Explain Your Move: Up to 50 words to explain your inspiration or design intent

Submission

Please include the following in your submission:

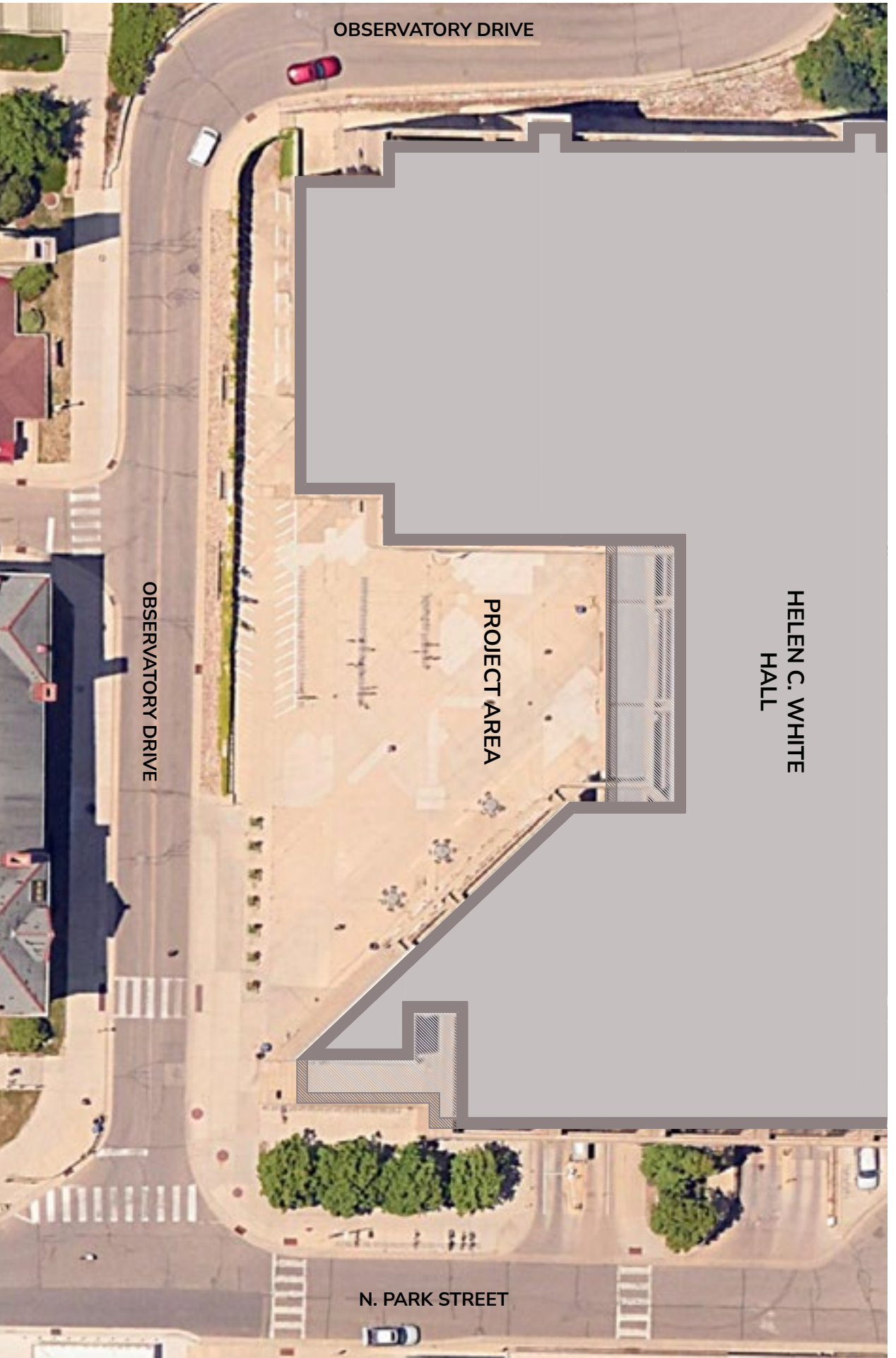
- Scholarship Submission Form
- One “Show Your Move” image
- Photo of the scholarship applicant - this will not be provided to the jury.

Rules & Fine Print

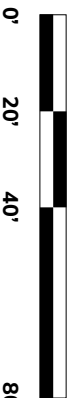
- Must be completed by one applicant. No team projects
- Images must be 1080x1080 px, no more than 5 MB per image.
- Please, no AI-generated imagery.
- Any and all entries may be posted on WI ASLA's website and/or social media
- Finalized entries should be sent to awards@wiasla.com. Email subject line must read “WI ASLA Scholarship”
- Name files in this format: lastname_firstname_wiasla_scholarship_2026.PDF

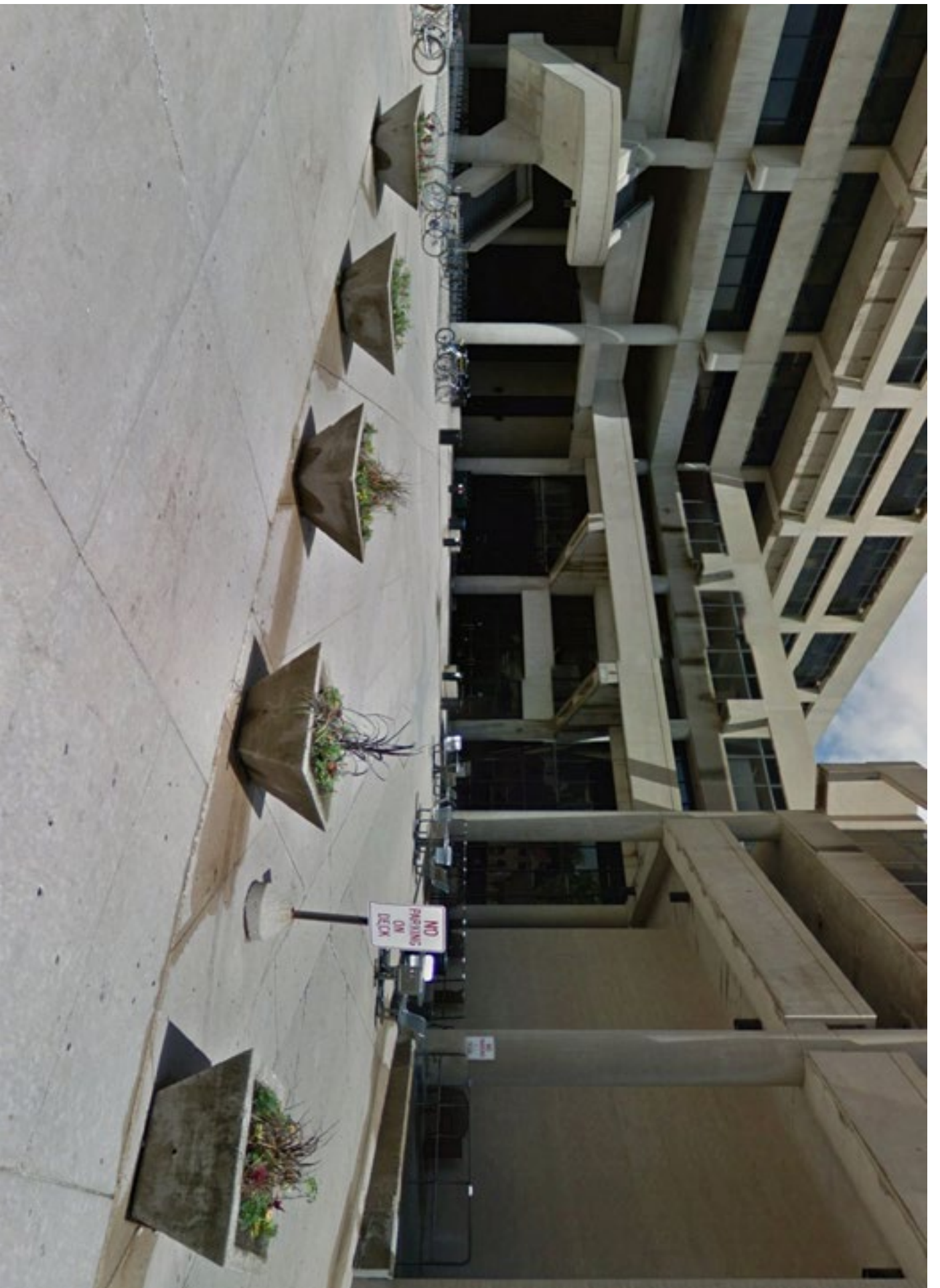
Start Here

We've provided the following two base images to get you started. Use them, crop them, draw over them - or don't use them at all. Alternative imagery, perspectives and representation techniques are welcome.



SCALE: 1"=40'





Scholarship Submission Form

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Explain Your Move (50 words or less)

Applicant Information

Name:

Year in LA Program:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

I've included 1 “Show Your Move” image

I've included my headshot

Name Your Move (5 words or less)

Submit this form:

Email to awards@wiasla.com