

Amineh Warrayat Memorial Scholarship

NOMA Arizona + Multistudio + The Warrayat Family

As a student and in her work, Amineh believed that shaping the physical environment was important to nurturing people and communities, and she was a peaceful, talented, and diligent champion for equity. For her, work was about making something for others—using her talents to express what others could not draw, model, write, organize, or design for themselves—to improve the community and people’s daily lives. She contributed to local as well as global architectural projects in higher education, healthcare, and justice. During her education and her seven impactful years of practice as an architect-in-training she contributed to many projects. In reflection of her careful and persistent work, it is clear that her influence has reached far beyond her years of experience might suggest. Her Multistudio legacy will live on in the South Central Transit-Oriented Development Community Plan, Edison Eastlake Impact Hub, and Raza Development Fund Community Hub, among many other projects she touched. Her interests in promoting architecture for the community and designing for cultures led to her involvement in a study abroad program in Buenos Aires, Argentina, which deepened her passion for architecture. Her sense of justice also led to her involvement with non-profit groups and through Freedom by Design, she participated in a project to create wheelchair-accessible raised planter beds in the Mesa Urban Garden while a student at ASU. To raise money for materials to build the planter, she sold lemonade.

Amineh Warrayat passed away on January 14, 2022. She inspired her colleagues through her persistence, high standards, and understanding that hard work can be joyful when great purpose is the driver. With Amineh as a constant inspiration, NOMA and Multistudio offer this scholarship opportunity to honor her and her belief that design has power in shaping places for community benefit.

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2025-2026 Academic Year

In partnership with NOMAArizona, Multistudio is offering the Amineh Warrayat Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is intended to honor Amineh's work and the impact she made on communities through design and engagement as a young architect-in-training. We hope to honor and provide financial assistance to a NOMAS member or NOMAArizona student member that most embodies the spirit of NOMAArizona's core mission:

"Create a team of students and professionals who want to inspire and empower under-served communities in Arizona, regardless of socio-economic status, culture, language, race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or age. Our strength is our diversity.

We strive to increase the number of minorities and women in our profession in general, but especially in positions of leadership and influence by supporting their professional development. We want our organization to be a valuable resource that is welcoming, reliable, socially and environmentally progressive, and which encourages fellowship across disciplines."

This scholarship is not need based but rather merit based. Arizona residency is not required.

APPLICATION CRITERIA:

- Must be a student member of NOMAArizona or engaged with the NOMAS student chapter
- Minimum GPA 3.0
- Must be a full-time registered student of Architecture or Interior Design at a University in the State of Arizona
- Open to Undergraduates and Graduate Students

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR SUBMISSION

To be combined in one pdf in the following order:

1. Completed NOMAArizona Scholarship Application (see last page)
2. Current Official Transcript of College Attending
3. Provide proof of NOMA student membership and/or NOMAS involvement. If you are the recipient of this scholarship, we highly encourage participation in NOMA and/or NOMAS in the upcoming year.
Note: If you are not currently a NOMA Student Member, and wish to become a NOMA Student Member and participate in NOMAArizona and/or NOMAS meetings, you may join simultaneously upon application. Multistudio will also pay for a 1-year NOMA Student Membership to the Top 3 application responses.
4. Maximum 500-word essay on a specific topic—submit in PDF and MS Word format (for word count verification). Topic can be found on the next page.
5. (1-2) Optional Images may be submitted and are encouraged to help support your essay or work in the community.
The 1-2 images may be submitted within the essay document to support your writing OR they may be submitted separately with a 25-word caption to describe the image. Photos and captions should not contain any self-identifying information (images or name of applicant).
6. Two (2) letters of recommendation from non-family members who can attest to your academic achievement, community service or career potential.

500 WORD ESSAY TOPIC:

In just a few years of achieving her Master of Architecture at Arizona State University, Amineh Warrayat put her convictions about design, advocacy, care for people, and her hard work into play to support her local communities. When she came to Multistudio (at that time called Gould Evans), she came to work on the South Central Transit Oriented Development Community Vision and Plan Grant Project for South Central Phoenix, knowing that this project aligned with her goals to work directly with a disinvested community that sought equity in making neighborhoods to support their families for generations. She quickly realized that this work is not abstract, nor successful from an 'arm-chair', rather it required a detailed understanding of people, place and their histories by herself being part of the community, not for a few meetings, but for a lifetime. She realized that this two-year project to define a collective community vision would take decades of persistence, focus and tenacity and she was dedicated to continue implementing this vision through direct support beyond the completion of the project contract. Her work, our work, is incomplete and needs others to carry forward the vision without compromise.

- Essay Question to Address:

Amineh believed that community-based designs should both integrate the environment and reduce negative environmental impacts on communities. How will you, in your academic work and career, use design and advocacy to build community?

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS:

The scholarship is a one-time \$2,000 scholarship for the 2025-2026 academic year, paid directly to the student by NOMA.

Scholarship Grantor's Rights: This scholarship is sponsored by Multistudio, Amineh's studio. The scholarship committee includes members from Multistudio and NOMAArizona. The committee reserves their right to reject any or all scholarship applications, to waive any informality or irregularity in any scholarship application received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective scholarship applications received. No implication of award or granting of scholarship will exist until Multistudio and NOMAArizona issues a written award letter to the selected recipient.

The scholarship committee considers a variety of factors such as merit, community service participation, self confidence, passion for design, leadership potential and under-representation in the student's selected discipline or field of study among many other factors. We are looking for a mosaic of qualities that add up to a student who exemplifies NOMAArizona's core mission.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT REQUIREMENTS:

1. Maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA
2. Participate in NOMAS or NOMAArizona (document 24 hours during the course of the school year), whether that be taking a cabinet position or organizing/participating in events.
3. Visit Multistudio within the year of the awarded scholarship to review Amineh's work to understand her impact and accomplishments as a young architect-in-training. This is an opportunity to shadow members of Multistudio and engage with those that worked with Amineh and have felt her impact. Contact information will be provided to the scholarship recipient.

SUBMITTAL DEADLINE & SUBMISSION DETAILS:

November 7, 2025 at 5 PM Arizona Time

Email Application documents to scholarships@nomaarizona.org

Submittal must be under 5 MB in a PDF format.

The subject line in your email and name of your PDF should include the following format: "First name, Last name_Amineh Warrayat Scholarship Application.PDF"

Contact Info:

Dulce Arambula, Scholarship Chairperson, scholarships@nomaarizona.org

The scholarship is anticipated to be awarded at the end of November.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

I am currently a member of NOMA/NOMAS I would like to become a member of NOMA/NOMAS

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY INFORMATION:

Institution Name: _____

Advisor: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

Major, GPA, Graduation Date: _____

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the information provided to the Scholarship Panel in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature + Date: _____