



# 2017 Application Due July 14, 2017

The **Natural Stone Scholarship** was established by the institute 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 **TISE 2018**, the natural stone industry's premier exhibition and education event, held **January 31, 2018** at the **Mandalay Bay Convention Center** in **Las Vegas, Nevada**. The Natural Stone Scholarship winner(s) will also attend the **Awards Luncheon**.

Attendance at **TISE 2018** and the **Awards Luncheon** 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+BSI members worldwide: total donations will determine the number of scholarship recipients each year. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of the Board of Directors 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+BSI member company for at least six months prior to entering and be employed by a member company at the time the award is presented at TISE 2018.
- 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 by **July 14, 2017**.



*"I discovered that there was an entire industry behind the marble and granite people used in their home and office décor. I rapidly began to see the potential and creativity in the industry and I was determined to be a part of this world."*

**Jan Ligas, 2016 Recipient;**  
Wilkstone; Paterson, NJ

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## APPLICATION INFORMATION

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### 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? Contact Jane Bennett at 440-250-9222 or [jane@naturalstoneinstitute.org](mailto:jane@naturalstoneinstitute.org).**



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