



2011 Award Application Letter of Instruction

The Fashion Group Award is designed for students majoring in fashion, fashion related fields or interior design with awards for one academic year. Applicants must be permanent residents of the Washington, D.C. Greater Metropolitan area or all cities and counties of the states of Maryland or Virginia.

The applicant must have demonstrated academic achievement and involvement in the fashion field. In addition, they must be either graduating from high school in June and have been admitted to/or applied to an accredited college or university with a major in a fashion related field, or currently be enrolled full time in a college or university as an undergraduate or graduate student in the field.

To apply for the Award, please follow these instructions:

1. Complete all three pages of the application. Incomplete applications will be automatically disqualified.
2. Obtain all necessary transcripts through your registrar or guidance office. Request the most recent semester, quarter or year. It is recommended that you pick them up yourself in a sealed envelope and include with your application packet.
3. Obtain two letters of reference. Letters must be from one academic and one business reference.
4. Each application must be accompanied by three to six pieces of supporting portfolio materials - including (colored copies, and/or photographs, no originals).
5. Send the completed application form, transcripts, supporting portfolio materials, and letters of reference in a large manila envelope as one complete package to:

Award Committee
The Fashion Group International® of Greater Washington, D.C., Inc.
c/o Jean Nathlich
PO BOX 20682
Baltimore, MD 21209

6. Applications **must** be postmarked, no later than **March 16, 2011**. Applications postmarked later than **March 16, 2011**, will not be accepted for consideration.
7. Interviews will be conducted at Marymount University on April 9th, 2011.
(If one cannot attend the interview in person, the award cannot be given to that applicant. Please do not apply this year but consider applying in 2012.)

Thank you for your interest in The Fashion Group International of Washington, DC, Inc.



Eligibility - The applicant must:

1. Be a resident of the metropolitan area of Washington, D.C. or all cities and counties of the states of Maryland or Virginia.
 2. Be graduating from high school by June and have been applied to by an accredited institution or be an undergraduate or graduate level college student enrolled in a fashion or a fashion related degree program.
 3. Fashion related fields are as follows:
 - Textiles and Clothing Design
 - Merchandising
 - Interior Design
 - Fashion Photography
 - Graphic & Commercial Arts
 - Journalism
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Conditions of the Award

1. Award funds for the grant or grants are not to exceed \$2,000 for one academic year per recipient.
 2. The number and the amount of the grants will be determined by the Award Committee of The Fashion Group® International of Greater Washington DC., Inc.
 3. Awards are for tuition only and will be paid directly to the registrar at the college or university in which the recipient is enrolled.
 4. An Award winner may not receive an award in consecutive years.
 5. FGI reserves the right not to grant Awards in any given year.
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Selection Process

Selection will be based on the following criteria:

- Creative ability
 - Related work experience (paid or non-paid)
 - Extra curricular activities, honors and awards
 - Academic achievement
 - Two references – One Business, One Academic
 - Personal statement related to career objective
1. No less than three, and no more than six, samples of supporting portfolio materials must accompany the application. Less than three or more than six samples will disqualify the applicant. Samples must be submitted as photographs and/or colored copies, **no originals or DVD's**.
 2. Finalists will be notified no later than March 25st 2011. A personal interview, as well as portfolio materials, i.e. garments, sketches, DVDs, projects, and/or reports will be required of finalists.
 3. All finalists should be prepared to have photos of portfolio material and design samples for the awards ceremony.
 4. The decision of the Awards Committee shall be conclusive and final on all matters relating to the Awards Program.
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The Fashion Group® International is a global nonprofit professional organization of women and men of achievement and influence from all segments of the fashion industry and related fields. There are approximately 6,000 members in 39 Regional Groups in the United States, Australia, Canada, England, France, Mexico, Korea, Japan, and South America. For more information visit us online at www.fgi.org.

Application Form:

Applications and submissions ***MUST*** be postmarked ***no later than March 16th*** to:
The Fashion Group® International of Greater Washington DC, Inc.
Awards Committee
c/o Jean Nathlich
PO Box 20862
Baltimore MD 21209

Required Submissions:

1. Applicants are requested to submit one copy of this form to the Awards Committee.
Form must be printed clearly in black or blue ink, or typed on-line.
2. An official transcript from the school in which last matriculated must accompany the completed application.
3. Two letters of reference must accompany application. Letters must include one academic and one business reference.
4. Three to six samples of supporting portfolio materials. More than six will disqualify the applicant.

Questions in regard to Awards should be submitted in writing to the Awards Committee at:
jbnathlich@gmail.com

Type or Print Clearly:

1. Name: _____ Soc Sec. or Student ID # _____
 Last Middle or Maiden First

2. Present Address: _____
 Number/Street City State Zip

Phone# _____ E-mail Address _____

3. Permanent Address: _____
 Number/Street City State Zip

Phone# _____ E-mail Address _____

4. Education:

High Schools

Dates Attended

Graduated

A. _____

B. _____

Colleges or Universities

Dates Attended

Graduated

A. _____

B. _____

5. Major area of specialization:

Minor area of specialization:

6. Include a personal statement not to exceed 200 words stating your career goals and describing your specific motivation for entering a fashion related career. Your essay may refer to any experiences and individuals who have influenced your interest in fashion.

******Personal statements should be printed on a separate piece of paper and stapled to the completed application form.***

7. Extracurricular activities *(attach extra page if necessary.)*

8. Honors and Awards *(attach extra page if necessary.)*

9. Fashion Related Work Experience *(Paid/Volunteer)*:

Organization	Position	Supervisor	Dates
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A. _____

Responsibilities: _____

B. _____

Responsibilities: _____

C. _____

Responsibilities: _____

10. Applicant must provide letters of reference from two individuals, not related to the applicant, evaluating academic performance, professional skills, and a personal reference.

Academic Reference

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Business Address: _____ Business Phone: _____

Area Code

Professional Reference

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Business Address: _____ Business Phone: _____

Area Code

11. College or University where applicant is attending or has applied:

Address: _____

Dean of Admissions: _____ Phone: _____

Area Code

Tuition due date: _____