

# VABE

## 2026 Visual Arts and the Built Environment Award

The VABE Award will be given to a VABE student who demonstrates excellence in design, outstanding academic performance and active engagement beyond the curricular requirements of the VABE program (examples include campus, community and professional organizations, non-for-profit support, as well as local businesses, the design and construction industries and others). The current value of the endowed VABE Award is \$1000.

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:** In order to be considered for the VABE Award you must be currently enrolled in the VABE program, in the third year of study, with a minimum cumulative average of 80%.

**SUBMISSION MATERIALS:** DIGITALLY submit the following materials in one PDF file:

- ***Current Curriculum Vitae***
- ***Statement of Intent (600 words)***: describing your future educational and long-term professional goals. This should not include the obvious goal of obtaining a professional degree but rather your personal interest and motivations related to your studies. No graphic or visual content should be included because this should demonstrate your ability to express ideas and concepts in written form.
- ***Portfolio - follow the School of Architecture & Community Development (SACD) at University of Detroit Mercy portfolio transfer application requirements.***

**SUBMISSION DETAILS:** The 2026 VABE Award must be submitted digitally. Each applicant must submit **one (1) PDF file no larger than 12 MB containing ALL submission materials**. Applicants submitting more than one PDF file will not be reviewed.

Submissions must be sent by email to [award@VABE.ca](mailto:award@VABE.ca). **3rd party links to download files will not be accepted.**

Deadline: emails with pdf attachment must be received by **Friday, January 23, 2026 by 3:00 PM.**

**JURY:** A jury committee comprised of independent panelists will evaluate the submissions received based on the criteria established above.

The jury committee may, at their discretion and based on their evaluation of the submissions:

- award a submission;
- withhold the award for submissions received;
- adjust the levels of remuneration or divide into multiple prizes.