Architecture + Environmental Design Requirements

CSSSA Architecture + Environmental Design Required Assignments - 2026

Students do not need prior formal training in animation to apply to the Architecture and Environmental Design (AED) Program. Students currently enrolled in grades 8 through 12 are eligible to apply.

Applicants must submit a completed online application, provide the contact information for two teacher recommenders, and upload the following required assignments. If you don't include the required assignments by the application deadline, your application will be incomplete and won't be reviewed.

ASSIGNMENTS

Assignments must be uploaded to submit the application. Save your assignments with your first initial and last name followed by the appropriate letter for each of the submissions. For example, John Smith would save his work as follows:

jsmith_A
jsmith_B
jsmith_C

A. Create a drawing, collage, or a 3D model that expresses the ideal building, park, or city of your dreams. You may use any material of your choosing, including unconventional materials, if desired. Upload one image of your entire piece (required) and up to two additional detail images (optional).

B. Write a one-paragraph description of your concept in Assignment A and upload it as a separate document. Your statement should explain the ideas and intentions behind your work, including what inspired your design and how it reflects your vision of an ideal environment. You may also briefly describe your choice of materials or process if it was an intentional part of your concept.

For Returning Students:

G. Returning Students only: If you have attended CSSSA before (not including Bridge), in addition to the assignments above, submit a brief statement of your specific learning objectives and reasons for wanting to return this summer.

For All Applicants:

Your concept should be original and from your own experience and imagination. Your work should be reflective of you and your creative process.