2020 Design & Honor Awards

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS JAN 13 - FEBRUARY 28
Categories of Entry

Built
Project demonstrate design achievement in architecture regardless of budget, size, style, or type.

Unbuilt
Projects of any size that have yet to be built including but not limited to: architecture, interior architecture and planning.

Renovation/Restoration
Renovation or restoration of a site of any size.

Interior Architecture
Project demonstrates design achievement, including a sense of place and purpose, of ecology and environmental sustainability, and of history.

Residential Over $1M
Design excellence in residential design with a cost over $1 million. This category may also include multi-family.

Residential Under $1M
Design excellence in residential design with a cost under $1 million.

Student Project
Design excellence in student work including: research, installations, conceptual projects, or competitions. Applicant must be a current student in Georgia or one that has graduated in 2019.

Honor Awards
An AIA Georgia member may nominate an individual, firm, or organization for any honor award by filling out the honor award form pertaining to the award of entry by visiting: aiaga.org/honor-awards.*

Architecture Firm of the Year
Any firm located in Georgia in which the continuing collaboration among individuals of the firm has resulted in the consistent producing of distinguished architecture for a period of at least 10 years from the Georgia office. Additionally, the Georgia community in which it practices shall know the firm for its contribution, and the firm should have a history of mentorship, and nurturing future architects.

NEW! Educator of the Year Award
The Educator of the Year Award is bestowed upon any educator, faculty member, administrator, or staff person working in Georgia who has furthered the objectives of the AIA in the role of educating and supporting the next generation of architects.

Bronze Medal
Recognizes an individual or organization that uses their/its insights, talents, training, and experience to contribute meaningfully to the objectives of the American Institute of Architects.

Emerging Professional
Recognizes an Associate AIA member or architect residing and licensed to practice architecture in Georgia who has made a positive impact in the architecture profession.

*Our highest honor, the Bernard B. Rothschild FAIA Award, is nominated and selected by a jury of past recipients.
Guidelines and Procedures

AIA Georgia requires submittal of all material in digital format. This process is completed in (2) steps, registration and submission.

Please register and then submit by visiting: aiaga.org/design-awards/submission/.

Using the submission link, you will upload images and text and submit your project electronically to AIA Georgia. Once submitted, entry will be sent directly to the jury. After all entries are received and verified, they will appear on the AIA Georgia website for viewing by the public for People’s Choice voting.

Format and Size for Images

The digital image files (plan, photos, illustrations) must be in a web compliant format with extensions .jpg, .tiff, or .png. The maximum file size is 3MB. A minimum resolution of 300dpi should be used for proper web viewing.

The maximum number of displayed images is (10). The digital images may include exterior and interior views (photographs/drawings) and must include one or more image file(s) of plans and drawings to fully illustrate your entry. Video files and/or animations are not eligible.

File Name

Entrants must credit the photographer for each photo by including their name in the file name. Please use letters, numbers, dashes and underscores only and make certain your file has the correct extension.*

Example:
1_Photographer Name.jpg
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*If the firm owns the photography credit please use “firm” instead of photographer name to avoid disqualification.

Submittals Due

Submittal package must be uploaded by 6:00pm on Friday, February 28. Early bird deadline for registration is January 31, 2020 by 6:00pm.

All projects will be submitted in digital format online. Please note that project authorship on all submissions will remain concealed throughout the deliberations of the jury. If the authorship is revealed on any images, plans or narrative, the entry will be disqualified at the jury’s discretion with no refund.

Process

Carefully review call for entries and eligibility criteria and determine the category that you want to use to submit your project. Access the submission site and upload your required information.

1. Basic Project Information: Please provide name, city, state, completion date and specific use of project.

2. Excerpt: Please provide a brief description of your project in no more than 100 words. Note this information will be used in the press release or other promotion if selected. It should include the most top-level, public-audience introduction to the project.

3. Design Challenge: Identify a challenge, then list what design features (addressing this challenge) make this project innovative. Maximum of 250 words.

4. Physical Context: How does the design respond to the surrounding physical context and demonstrate an understanding of the connection between the built and natural environment? Maximum of 250 words.

5. Residential submissions must provide a truncated budget for the jury to review. this budget should include the total project budget and the furnishings budget including both gross and net total square footage. If submitting for Atlanta’s RDA’s you must provide information on sustainability features of the project.

6. Upload Photos/Images/Graphic: Upload up to (10) images in .jpg, .tiff, or .png format. Images can include interior and exterior photos but must include at least one of the following: floor
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plan, site plan or contextual view photo. You may submit a collage but with 2-3 photos at the most.

7. Conditions of Submission/Release Form: All copyrighted materials must have a permission form that authorizes use by AIA Georgia. The entrant submitting the project must sign the Release Form. Projects used for publication purposes will bear the customary photographer’s credit line. The copyright holder of all photographs must be identified on the Release Form. This form should be completed online.

*PLEASE NOTE: After online submission, changes or modifications are not possible. Please review submission guidelines carefully before submitting.

Celebration
Purchase your Design Awards tickets and mark your calendar to attend at 6pm on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at the Porsche Experience Center. At least one person from the design team is requested to be present at the event to accept the award.

Tips from Past Juries
For historic preservation, renovation, or adaptive reuse projects, it is incredibly helpful to show before and after imagery and describe the extent of the work done.

Jurors recommend descriptions be succinct and imagery include captions that articulate the design concept evident in the image, instead of describing the image itself.

Inclusion of drawings/diagrams helps the jurors quickly understand the design process.

Find the right category for your project. Would it be more helpful for your project to be considered under a different category?

Submission Details
All submissions will be reviewed by a common jury of distinguished guests connected to all facets of the design profession. As projects are subject to diverse contexts, programs, budgets, and restraints, each entry is judged for the success with which the project has met its individual requirements.

We encourage submissions that exhibit a strong definition of design excellence. Submissions may be exemplary in their typology, technical advancement, innovation, economy, sustainability, as well as other achievements.

Entry Fee: $125
Student Project: $10 (no early bird special)
Early Bird Special: $100 (submit by January 31, 2020 at 6pm)

*If you are registering a residential or mixed-use project, you have the option to enter the project in to the AIA Atlanta Residential Design Awards for consideration in October 2020. No extra steps needed! The registration fee will be added at checkout and the submission will be sent to Atlanta directly.

*Open to all architects not just Atlanta members.

Atlanta RDA Entry Fees
Fee: $125
Additional Submissions: $75

Eligibility
All entries must be the work of a Registered Georgia Architect who lives and/or works in Georgia. GA license # is required. Location of projects is not restricted. Submissions for the Student Project Award must be the work of either a current student in Georgia or one that has graduated in 2019. Any works submitted for consideration must have been completed and occupied between Jan 1, 2014, and Dec 31, 2019. Projects that received a previous AIA Georgia Design Award are not eligible.
Questions? Concerns?

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