



2022 Design Awards Program Call for Entries

AIA Delaware is committed to excellence in architecture and looks forward to celebrating outstanding works of architecture through its biennial Design Awards Program. The purpose of the program is to recognize and honor excellence in architectural design by licensed architects and to honor the clients and project teams who work with them to create and enhance our built environment.

Schedule

July 15	Submissions Due
Autumn	AIA Design Awards presentation event

Eligibility

Submitted projects should exemplify the value of good design in creating safe, valuable, and sustainable buildings and livable communities. The architect submitting a project must be a member of the design team responsible for it, though not necessarily the head of that team. Firm entries must be submitted by an authorized principal. If the project being submitted was created in collaboration with another architect or firm, the submitting firm must have provided the primary design leadership for the project.

We encourage you to submit multiple projects for consideration in this awards program.

Project eligibility depends on the status of the submitting architect or emerging professional, as follows:

- Any licensed architect who is a member, assigned or unassigned, of AIA Delaware is invited to submit any residential, non-residential or historic preservation project completed, or any unbuilt project initiated, after January 1, 2017.
- Any licensed architect who is a member of another American Institute of Architects (Institute) component or who is not a member of the Institute is invited to submit any residential, non-residential or historic preservation project located in Delaware and completed after January 1, 2017, or any unbuilt project located in Delaware and initiated after January 1, 2017.
- Any assigned member, or members, of AIA Delaware, including Emerging Professionals (professionals who have completed their academic studies up to the point of licensure or up to 10 years after completion of their academic studies) are invited to submit solutions for tomorrow in the Envision the Future category.

Completed shall be understood to mean “substantially completed” as defined in standard AIA Contract Documents governing design and construction.

When one architect is not the sole author of a project, all other participants contributing substantially to the design of the project must be credited as part of the submission, regardless of discipline. If more than one architect or firm serviced the project, name each architect or firm and describe their roles on the project.

Any project previously bestowed an award in an AIA Delaware Design Awards Program built category is not eligible to be considered for an award in this program.

Resubmit

Our design award program juries rotate with each cycle. You are encouraged to submit eligible, previously non-awarded projects multiple times within the submission time frame as this will afford the opportunity for review by as many as three separate and distinct juries and opportunities to receive recognition.

Submission Categories

Submission Categories are used only as a means of assisting the jury in reviewing entries with other projects of similar type. Eligible projects, regardless of scope, size, scale, budget, style or building type, may be submitted for award or citation consideration in one Submission Category.

Projects will be evaluated on how successfully they have met their individual requirements and on their own merit, not in comparison with any other project.

The AIA Delaware Board of Directors formally adopted the AIA Framework for Design Excellence as criteria for its Design Awards Program.

The Framework for Design Excellence represents the defining principles of good design in the 21st century and seeks to inform progress toward a zero carbon, equitable, resilient, and healthy built environment. Each submission must describe how the project design achieved outcomes of at least two of the 10 principles in the Framework.

Residential

Single/dual family residential structures, including entirely new construction, additions, restorations, renovations and interiors.

Non-Residential

Entirely new construction, additions, restorations, renovations and interiors for all building types except single/dual family residential. Includes institutional architecture (structures for education, religion and government), commercial architecture (structures for commerce, such as office, retail, multi-family housing and food service) and interiors.

Historic Resources

Pure preservation or restoration, rehabilitation or sympathetic adaptive reuse of existing structures whose overall architectural character is maintained, sympathetic additions to historic structures and replication or reconstruction of damaged or destroyed structures or element thereof.

Unbuilt

Unbuilt projects submitted for award consideration must have been commissioned by a client with the intent to build. Projects submitted in past programs in the Unbuilt category, whether awarded or not, may be submitted as built projects after completion.

Envision the Future

Recognition of ideas for a better future. What architects do matters and is relevant to our clients and to society. Our work together should be impactful, transformative, visionary, equitable, inclusive, and innovative. Submit your solution (in any format: sketch, model or concept) to a challenge facing human and ecological health or your creative vision for advancing racial, ethnic and general equity that meets one or more of the AIA Framework for Design Excellence principles.

There are no restrictions on the presumed or imagined location of projects; and solutions of all shapes and scales are eligible for consideration. The intent is that individuals or groups of individuals, rather than firms, may submit an entry or entries in this category.

Emerging Professionals - Submit Your Vision for Tomorrow

Emerging Professionals (professionals who have completed their academic studies up to the point of licensure or up to 10 years after completion of their academic studies) who are members of AIA Delaware are highly encouraged to participate and submit their vision for tomorrow.

Any project on the boards, under construction or otherwise apparently assured of construction should be submitted to either the Residential, Non-Residential, Historic Resources or Unbuilt category as appropriate and will not be considered for an Envision the Future Citation.

Jury & Awards

The jury is empowered to determine the extent to which design excellence is informed by technical, functional, contextual, sustainable, social, environmental or other characteristics of a project. The jury shall determine the quantity of awards justified in each award or citation category. The jury's decisions will be based solely on the digital materials submitted, shall be final and not subject to review.

Award with Honor

An Award with Honor, AIA Delaware's highest award, recognizes a project with distinctive character and outstanding achievement.

Award with Merit

An Award with Merit recognizes a project that exceeds minimum expectations as to resiliency, functionality and beauty (firmness, commodity and delight). Submissions should include a brief narrative of why the project is exemplary in any one or more of those areas.

Award

An Award recognizes projects or design elements of notable accomplishment, similar to Honorable Mention.

Sustainability Citation

Recognizes achievements in sustainable design. The jury will confer a Sustainability Citation on any built project it strongly feels met two or more of the AIA Framework for Design Excellence principles, regardless of whether or not the project is bestowed an award.

Envision the Future Citation

Recognizes any solution submitted in the Envision the Future Category the jury feels presents an innovative yet practical solution to the human and ecological health challenges we face or suggests bold action that develops and delivers solutions to society's most pressing needs.

Entry Fee

Submitters/Entrants may pay the entry fee using a credit card via PayPal (no account needed) by visiting www.aiadelaware.org or by mailing a check payable to AIA Delaware to 110 E. Main Street #479, Newark, DE 19715-8021 by the submission deadline. No late entries will be accepted. All fees are non-refundable. No entry fee will be refunded for entries that are disqualified, late, or incomplete.

Project entry fees vary depending upon the entrant's AIA member status and the Award Category.

All Submission Categories except the Envision the Future

AIA Delaware members and members of the Institute
\$250 per project submission,
\$200 each additional project, or
\$200 each previously submitted/resubmitted project.

Non-members

\$500 per project submission,
\$400 each additional project, or
\$400 each previously submitted/resubmitted project.

Envision the Future Submission Category

\$0 open only to AIA Delaware members.

It is the responsibility of the entrant to obtain permission from the project owner to submit a project and to provide AIA Delaware with any confidentiality requirements. The jury's decision to award any submission will be contingent upon verification by AIA Delaware that the project meets all eligibility requirements.

All submitted work and materials must be eligible for publicity and reproduction and becomes the property of AIA Delaware who retains unrestricted, enduring permission to use in its sole discretion any and all information and material related to the submitted project.

Questions should be directed to AIA Delaware, who has sole authority of the program.

Release

By making a submission, the entrant agrees that the information contained in its submission are complete and accurate. The entrant further agrees that it shall indemnify and hold harmless AIA Delaware from and against all claims or damages arising out of the use of any information or other materials supplied by the entrant. All errors or omissions are the sole responsibility of the entrant.

The entrant further certifies that entrant has obtained all permissions necessary to permit AIA Delaware to publish, without financial or other obligation, any information, photograph or other materials submitted by the entrant, including any permissions required from any individual, architect, contractor, owner or photographer. The entrant certifies that AIA Delaware is authorized to use all such materials as they deem appropriate without restriction.

Design Awards Celebration

Award winning projects will be formally announced during the 2022 Design Awards celebration, which is planned for the autumn of 2022.