



AIA Pennsylvania

2017 ARCHITECTURAL AWARDS CALL FOR ENTRIES

AIA Pennsylvania is accepting project submissions for its 2017 Architectural Excellence Awards Program. These awards recognize significant achievements by AIA Pennsylvania members to contribute to a better and more sustainable built environment.

Eligibility

Awards can be given for any project in any geographic location if the project's Architect of Record is a member of AIA Pennsylvania and can demonstrate substantial design authorship of the project. In the case of multi-office firms, eligible projects are limited to work done by the Pennsylvania based firm. All eligible projects must have been completed (occupied) within the last five years.

Award Categories

Architecture: Built projects including new buildings of all types including additions and alterations to existing buildings.

Interior Architecture: Interiors, large or small in scope, and may involve new construction, renovation, and preservation or restoration projects.

Historic Preservation: Projects including historic restoration, historic rehabilitation, and adaptive reuse.

Regional and Urban Design: Urban design projects, planning programs, civic improvements, campus plans, regional plans, environmental programs, or redevelopment projects.

Impact Design: Projects that exemplify the power of design to create a better world. Impact Design Projects will be evaluated for their service to public good especially in disadvantaged communities. Examples of appropriate entries for this category include innovative projects, initiatives, and products specifically designed to address and positively impact the social, environmental fabric, and economic fabric of communities.

Un-built Projects: Projects yet to be realized. These projects must have been commissioned by a client. These projects must have been commissioned within the last five years. Each project may only be submitted once to the AIA Pennsylvania Awards.

Awards

All projects will be reviewed from submitted PDF project binders and photos projected on a screen in a collaborative jury environment.

Award winners will be selected based on the materials submitted. For award consideration, a project must be submitted according to all of the requirements below.

The jury will have sole discretion to determine whether to select a recipient for an award and how many awards to present in the award category.

All projects will be considered for the following awards:

Silver Medal: May be granted, at the jury's discretion to the project that distinguishes itself from the rest of the submissions and may be given in any category.

Honor Award: May be granted, at the jury's discretion to projects that exemplify the highest excellence in design in any category.

Certificate of Merit: May be granted, at the jury's discretion to any project that either lies outside of the other categories or bears an exceptional aspect that the jury feels represents excellence which deserves specific honor.

Exhibition

Submitted projects as well as those receiving awards will become part of a digital exhibition to be displayed at prominent locations in each major metropolitan area throughout the state of Pennsylvania over the next year. The digital presentation will also be linked to the AIA Pennsylvania website and will become a resource for promoting excellence in architecture design throughout the state.

Entry Guidelines

All submissions to the 2017 AIA Pennsylvania Architectural Excellence Awards Program must be submitted by a participating AIA Pennsylvania member firm by Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 11:59 pm EST. Projects will only be accepted through the [online submittal service](#).

Entry Fees

The cost is \$185 per project. Firms participating for the first time may submit one project at no charge. Multiple projects may be submitted. Credit card payment will be due in order to complete the online submission process.

Publication Photos

The online submission requires four images of each project (JPEG only, max 300 dpi). These photos will be used in the awards presentation, AIA publications, and the digital exhibition noted above. Please indicate priority of photos in each title; 1 being the preferred photo, 2 the next, etc. (for example DoeResidence_1). (Reminder: Photo #1 will be used in all AIA PA publications, promotions, etc.)

Project Submissions

All project submissions must be made using AIA Pennsylvania's [online submittal service](#). Each individual project submitted requires a separate online registration. All project data fields in the online registration form must be completed, project entries must be submitted as digital binders in PDF format, and the four required project images must be submitted in JPEG or TIFF formats only. Competition entry PDF digital binders are strictly limited to 13 pages with landscape orientation; they should include a Competition Project Information Page* and twelve pages of images and project description.

*Note: The Competition Project Information Page shall be a one page project narrative summary of the project. This can be seen as supplementing your Project Detail information or it can repeat it. In any case it provides submitters the opportunity to introduce their project to the jury in a manner that will complement the rest of the PDF presentation binder. Keep in mind that it will also be projected for the jury with the twelve binder pages that follow.

New for 2017! Here is your chance to pitch your project to the jury! Project entries should include a narrative summary mp4 audio file no more than 30 seconds long. This mp4 will be uploaded via the [online submittal service](#) and played as the jury is reviewing your PDF binder and will serve as an introduction to your project binder.

Accuracy

Please be sure that all information is correct on all submitted materials. Verification of information is not guaranteed. Any errors or omissions are the responsibility of the entrant. The submitting AIA Pennsylvania member firm will be required to indicate (describe) the substantial nature of their design role on project and identify and describe respective design contributions by other architectural firm(s) involved on project.

Jury

The 2017 Architectural Excellence Awards jury will be conducted in Washington, D.C..

Schedule and Deadlines

Monday, August 15, 2017: Award Submission deadline

Friday, September 12, 2017: [Deadline for QUAD States Submissions](#)