



2022 DESIGN AWARDS SUBMISSION CRITERIA & CHECKLIST

The 2022 Architecture program celebrates the best architecture regardless of budget, size, style or type. These projects show the range of outstanding work architects create and highlight the many ways buildings and spaces can improve our lives.

In 2019, the AIA adopted the Framework for Design Excellence as the set of guidelines and requirements to assess project performance. Climate action requires a holistic approach addressing the interdependence among people, buildings, infrastructure and the environment. The Framework for Design Excellence provides the elements that support this vision during project evaluation. While projects submitted do not need to address all the measures included in the framework, they do need to highlight how they perform in this context and highlight relevant narratives and metrics when applicable.

Please follow the directions for submission outlined in this document. If you have questions regarding your submission, contact Keri Dixon, at the AIA NC Office: (919) 833-6656 ; or by email: kdixon@aianc.org.

Design Awards Entry Checklist

Your entry should include:

ONE Online Form, including the following:

- Concealed Identification Data
- Photo Release Information
- Design Awards Descriptive Data

ONE Digital Upload, including:

- 12 high-resolution (8.5x11 OR 16:9, 300dpi) JPEG images – one for each of the views, photographs, drawings, or diagrams you wish to present. Images will be labeled with your project title or entry number, and
- A high-resolution (8.5x11 OR 16:9, 300dpi) JPEG “Project Title- Public Display Image”.

Entry Fee: \$125 for entries purchased on or before March 1, 2022; \$150 for entries purchased between March 2 and March 31, 2022.

Submission Deadline: March 31, 2022

Event: AIA Asheville Design Awards Gala
May 12, 2022
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Highland Brewing Rooftop

Contact: Keri Dixon, AIA Asheville Executive Director kdixon@aianc.org

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Detailed Entry Instructions

2022 Design Awards Eligibility

All entries, built or un-built, must be **commissioned building projects designed by members of the AIA Asheville Area Section**. The projects may be located anywhere in the United States or abroad. **Built projects must have been completed within the past 5 years. Un-built projects must be fully commissioned.**

Projects that have previously received recognition in previous AIA Asheville Area Section Design Awards programs not eligible for entry. However, award-winning unbuilt projects may be resubmitted as built/completed projects.

Projects may be submitted in one of 6 categories. Awards will not be given in specific categories. Categories are used to allow similar projects to be viewed together. The categories are:

- Residential Architecture
 - *Projects submitted in this category may be single-family or small multi-family (4 units or less)*
- Commercial and Institutional Architecture
 - *Projects submitted in this category will include a broad range of types such as Commercial, Educational, Multifamily, Institutional, or Faith-based Architecture.*
- Historic Preservation
 - *This category may be of any project type. The intent of this award is to recognize thoughtful interventions or restorations that create a synergy between old and new construction.*
- Interior Architecture
 - *Projects submitted in this category should illustrate outstanding building interiors created by architects. These projects may include new construction or renovations of existing construction. Individual rooms or spaces within the same project shall be considered as one project.*
- Unbuilt Project Award
 - *These entries must have been commissioned for compensation by clients with the intention to execute the proposed design.*
- Special Projects
 - *Special Projects are projects that do not fall into any of the other categories. These projects are typically projects a person cannot inhabit, like a park, Master Planning, or Urban Design project.*

Digital Entry Submission

I. Online Submission Requirements:

Submit these steps for each entry:

- **Fill out one online form:** You will register your firm in our Design Awards System. After you have registered your firm, you may submit your project's information into the "Registration Round." Once you have completed this round and paid for your submission, you will then have until March 31, 2022 to submit your information into the "Submission Round." In the submission round you will submit your Concealed Id, Descriptive Data, Digital Images and Photo Release Form.

- A Digital Upload

- You will upload up to 12 Digital Images and one "Public Display Image" during the *Submission Round* process.

- Image may be 8.5" x 11" or 16:9
- Resolution: 300dpi

IMPORTANT entry notes:

- Please be certain that digital images are uploaded in the order to be viewed during judging (**Jurors will hear the 200 word "Short Description" while viewing your images.**)

You will be asked, in the photo upload process, which image you would like to have as your "Jury Photo." We will use this image as a reference to your project during the jurying process.

You will also be asked to include a "Public Display image". This can be a photograph or a collage of images that best represents the project and will be used for publicity. You **may** include your firm name on this image.

All submission requirements must be received by AIA Asheville Area Section by **March 31, 2022. Entry Fees are non-refundable.**

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Descriptive Data

The online form will contain both the Concealed ID and Descriptive Data Sheet. The format provided must be used without the addition of any photographs, drawings, lines, or color.

The "Short Description of Project" should be 200 words or less and will be read aloud while the jury views electronic images during the first phase of the jury process and later used for publication of the winners. You are encouraged to briefly include how the project addresses the AIA Framework for Design Excellence in the description.

Following the short description will be the "Architect's Statement Concerning the AIA Framework." Here you are asked to explain how the project addresses one or multiple components of the AIA's Framework for Design Excellence:

<https://www.aia.org/resources/6077668-framework-for-design-excellence>

Your statement may be no longer than 500 words.

Awards Criteria

All entries will be judged on the basis of their architectural design excellence. The AIA Asheville Area Section Design Awards program promotes excellence in design regardless of project type. Jurors will be asked to consider important issues/challenges particular to each project type. However, all entries will be judged collectively.

The jury will decide the number of awards to be given and will confer three levels of award:

- Honor
- Merit
- Citation

Note: Certificates for all award-winning projects will be presented at the Gala. It is important to have a representative from the winning firm present to accept the award. Winners will **NOT** be notified prior to the Awards Gala. Winners will receive three certificates, one for the architect, one for the owner and one for the contractor. Additional certificates will be at the expense of the award recipient.

Publication

AIA Asheville Area Section intends to publish the entries receiving awards. Therefore, it is essential that drawings and photographs not be restricted against publication. It is the entrant's responsibility to clear all drawings and photographs for release. A form will be provided to you to secure the necessary permission.