AIA North Carolina is in the process of adapting National AIA’s Framework for Design Excellence (https://www.aia.org/resources/6077668-framework-for-design-excellence). This year’s submittals will be required to answer additional questions that relate to the framework. The jury will be instructed to judge submissions based on criteria from the framework.

Design Awards Entry Checklist

Your entry should include:

ONE Online Form, including the following:

☐ Concealed Identification Data
☐ Design Awards Descriptive Data and Framework for Design Excellence Additional Data
☐ Tower and COTE Award Data (if applicable)

ONE Digital Upload, including:

☐ up to 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.
☐ 1 high-resolution (8.5x11 OR 16:9, 300dpi) JPEG “Project Title- Public Display Image”.

Entry Fee: $210 for Members/ $245 for Non-Members for entries purchased on or before September 6, 2022; $260 for members/ $295 for Non-Members for entries purchased between September 6 and September 23, 2022.

Submission Deadline: September 23, 2022
Event: Design Awards Gala
   November 3, 2022
   In Winston-Salem, NC (health requirements permitting)

Submit to: AIA North Carolina, 14 East Peace Street, Raleigh, NC 27604.
Contact: Keri Dixon, Director of Awards: kdixon@aianc.org
Detailed Entry Instructions

2022 Design Awards Eligibility

AIA North Carolina’s Design Awards to align with AIA and urgent climate change:

The world today is facing broad and complex challenges that threaten every aspect of our lives. The architect’s call to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public has a new and broader meaning amid challenges such as increasing climate extremes and social inequity. Architects everywhere must recognize that our profession can harness the power of design to contribute to solutions addressing the most significant needs of our time. Every project can be used as a platform for addressing big problems and providing creative solutions. Every line drawn should be a source of good in the world. The Framework for Design Excellence represents the defining principles of good design in the 21st century. Comprised of 10 principles and accompanied by searching questions, the Framework seeks to inform progress toward a zero-carbon, equitable, resilient, and healthy built environment. These are to be thoughtfully considered by designer and client at the initiation of every project and incorporated into the work as appropriate to the project scope. The Framework is intended to be accessible and relevant for every architect, every client, and every project, regardless of size, typology, or aspiration. The Framework for Design Excellence challenges architects with a vision of what the profession strives to achieve.

For AIA NC Members

All entries, built or un-built, must be commissioned building projects designed by members of the North Carolina Chapter of the AIA. The projects may be located anywhere in the United States or abroad. Built projects must have been completed within the past 10 years. Un-built projects must be fully commissioned with a scheduled construction start date.

For Non-AIA NC Members

All entries, built or un-built, must be commissioned building projects designed by an architect licensed in North Carolina, and the projects must be located in North Carolina. Built projects must have been completed within the past 10 years. Un-built projects must be fully commissioned with a scheduled construction start date.

Residential projects will not be eligible for entry into the AIA NC Design Awards. Residential projects must be entered into the AIA NC Residential Design Awards. This is a separate entry located on the AIA NC website (www.aiancawards.org). Residential projects entered here will automatically be moved into the Residential Awards program.

Projects that have previously received an AIA North Carolina Design award are not eligible for entry for another AIA North Carolina Design Award BUT ARE eligible to enter for a Tower or COTE award. Previous Tower and COTE Award winners may submit for Design Awards, but will not be eligible to resubmit for a COTE or Tower award.

All projects will be judged this year based on AIA National’s Framework for Design Excellence. The jury will determine the final number of awards and whether to confer honor or merit awards.

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. (If you have registered for awards in the past, you can log in and resubmit any eligible project for an AIA NC award. You have the option to update any of the information you previously submitted.) After you have registered your firm, you may submit your project’s information into the “Registration Round.” You will then have until September 23, 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. You will also have a chance to submit for the AIA NC Tower Award and the AIANC COTE Award in this process.

- 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
DESIGN AWARDS SUBMISSION CRITERIA AND CHECKLIST

the order to be viewed during judging (Jurors will hear the 100 word “Short Description” while viewing your images.)

All submission requirements must be received by the AIA North Carolina Office by September 23, 2022. Entry Fees are non-refundable.

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 100 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.

There will also be the “Type of Construction.” This information may be used in subsequent jurying rounds.

New this year: The Framework for Design Excellence is a standard for design that AIANC is focused on helping our architects achieve. This year, we will continue our efforts to highlight the Framework. Following the “Type of Construction”, there will be a 500 word description “Architect’s Statement Concerning the Framework for Design Excellence” (You can find more about the Framework here- https://content.aia.org/sites/default/files/2020-08/Framework_for_design_excellence_v3.pdf).

Additionally, you will be asked to answer the following questions:
• Was the site previously developed?
• Is storm water managed on site?
• Is landscape design focused on native plants?
• Is potable water used for irrigation?
• Is potable water used for cooling?
• Is grey/blackwater reused on site?
• Predicted Net EUI?
• Predicted reduction from benchmark CBECS 2003?
• Does the project meet the 2030 challenge?
• Was energy modeling used to inform design decisions?
• Was embodied carbon calculated and used to inform design decisions?
• Was a Whole Building Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) conducted?
• Was a “Chemicals of Concerns” list used to inform material selection?
• Was a post occupancy evaluation conducted on this project?

Finally, there will be an option to upload a completed Framework workbook. This will not be required this year, but is recommended.

Awards

There will be two categories of Design Awards to be called “Honor Award” and “Merit Award”. These awards will be granted regardless of entry category – the categories will simply be used to view projects of a similar type comprehensively.

A Historic Preservation award, called the AIANC Tower Award as well as a sustainability award called the AIANC COTE Award will also be given.

Entrants must select and fill out these additional awards for submission on the online form.

Awards will be presented at the Awards Gala, November 3, 2022. Details on if this gala will be in person or online will be coming soon.

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 North Carolina 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.

With the digital image submission, please include a separate JPEG of one public display image. This can be a photograph or a collection of images that best represents the project and will be used for publicity. You may include your firm name on this image.