

AIA SOUTH FLORIDA YOUNG ARCHITECTS AWARD ENTRY INFORMATION 2025

OVERVIEW

The AIA South Florida Young Architects Awards Program recognizes excellence in the architectural profession by architects who have achieved licensure within the past ten years and associates on the licensure path. It is presented by the AIA Fort Lauderdale and AIA Miami Chapters of the American Institute of Architects. These Awards are intended to acknowledge the accomplishments and achievements of the emerging professionals, encourage recognition and participation among that demographic in the AIA, and promote public consciousness of the built environment.

The submittals are open to architects who have achieved licensure within the past ten years. Nominations can be submitted by individuals or firms in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties. Select awards are also open to Associate or AIAS members. All sample projects, if applicable, must have been completed within the past five years.

The awards are juried by a panel of non-competing, award-winning, out-of-state architects who have not served as awards jurors for the participating chapters for at least the past 6 years. Winners will be announced at The South Florida Young Architects Awards Party to be held at The Wilder on Thursday, April 22nd at 6:00 PM.

AWARD CATEGORIES

▪ PROJECT MANAGER OF THE YEAR

This category recognizes a Young Architect who has shown exceptional leadership in managing architectural projects. The winning individual will be one who demonstrates, through narratives and documentary evidence, excellence and/or innovation in project management over a cumulative period of not less than two years. The project(s) undertaken may be of any size or value, from either the public or private sector. Where an individual makes his/her own submission, it must be endorsed by the principal of the firm or by the client/owner. This award is open only to Young Architects.

▪ BEST PORTFOLIO

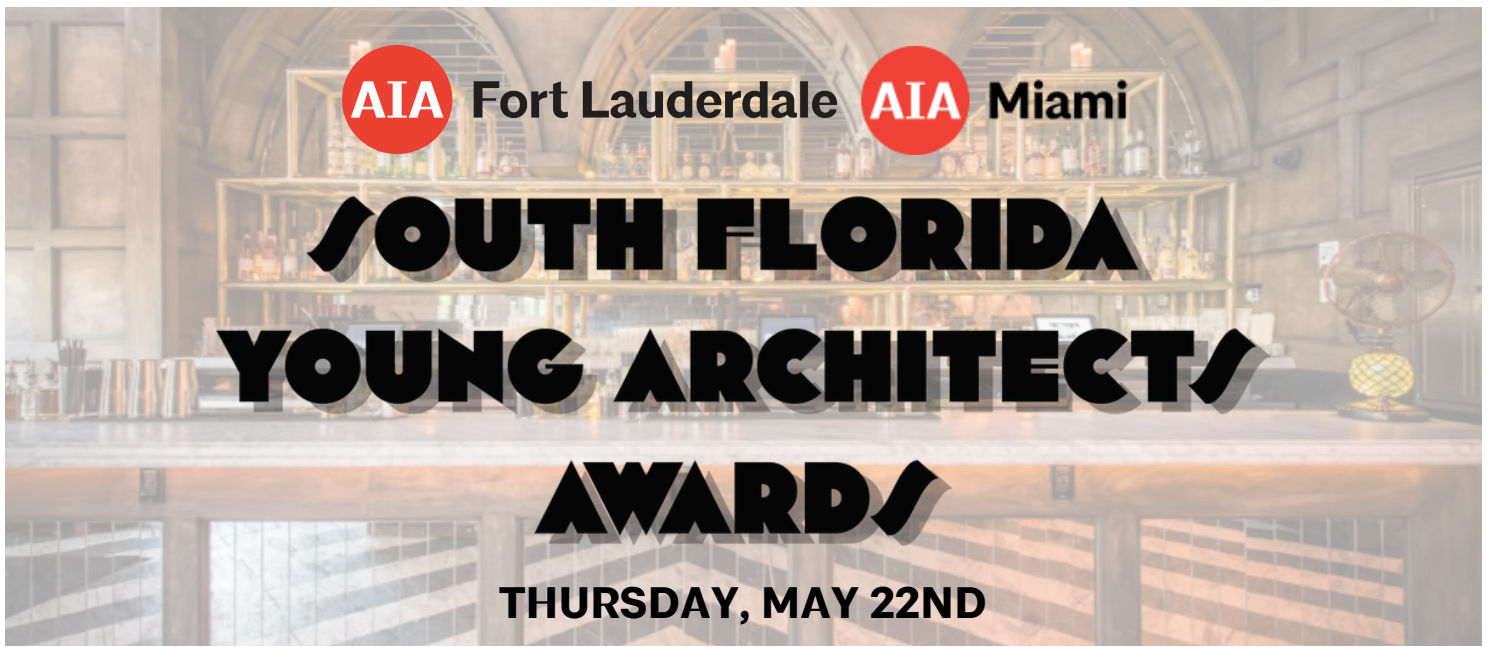
This category recognizes an undergraduate or graduate student who has created the most unique and innovative design portfolio. The portfolio may be physical or digital in nature but must be submitted digitally for judging purposes. This award is open to Young Architects, Associates, or AIAS members.

▪ STUDIO PROJECT OF THE YEAR

This category recognizes a studio project from an undergraduate or graduate institution of architecture within the Broward or Miami-Dade County area by merit of presentation, aesthetics, and design. This award is open to Associate or AIAS members.

▪ RISING STAR OF THE YEAR - ASSOCIATE

This category recognizes an Associate who has shown exceptionalism in leadership, ingenuity, initiative, and commitment of a cumulative period of no more than 10 years post-graduation. Nomination may be made by a current supervisor or colleague. Describe how this individual has impacted their firm, co-workers, clients, and the profession locally. This award is open only to Associates.



- **RIISING STAR OF THE YEAR - YOUNG ARCHITECT**

This category recognizes a Young Architect who has shown exceptionalism in leadership, ingenuity, initiative, and commitment of a cumulative period of no more than 10 years post-graduation. Nomination may be made by a current supervisor or colleague. Describe how this individual has impacted their firm, co-workers, clients, and the profession locally. This award is open only to Young Architects.

- **ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR**

This category recognizes a Young Architect who has ventured off on his/her own and has established a practice that has been in existence for less than five years. This award will be based on firm growth, revenue, awards, publications, professional/community involvement, and projects. This award is open only to Young Architects.

- **BEST PLACE TO WORK AWARD**

The submission for this category must be submitted by a Young Architect and the firm must be a member of AIA Fort Lauderdale or AIA Miami.

- ★ Great Place to Work for All – a great workplace is one in which employees report high levels of trust throughout the organization. Employees say leaders are credible and treat people fairly and with respect. Employees are proud to be part of the organization and genuinely enjoy spending time with each other.
- ★ Executive Team Effectiveness – employees consistently experience great leadership, which is marked by a high degree of confidence in leaders and employees’ experience of a coherent strategy throughout the business, driven by leaders’ strong communication, competence, integrity, and authentic connection to their people.
- ★ Innovation – employees consistently report having the opportunity and willingness to engage in cultural behaviors that drive sustainable business performance through innovation. This includes their ability to continuously improve, adapt quickly, and generate game-changing opportunities.
- ★ People-Focused Programs – generous programs and practices are integrated and grounded in the companies’ values, and designed to deliver variety, originality, and inclusiveness with a human touch.

SERVICE AWARDS

- **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

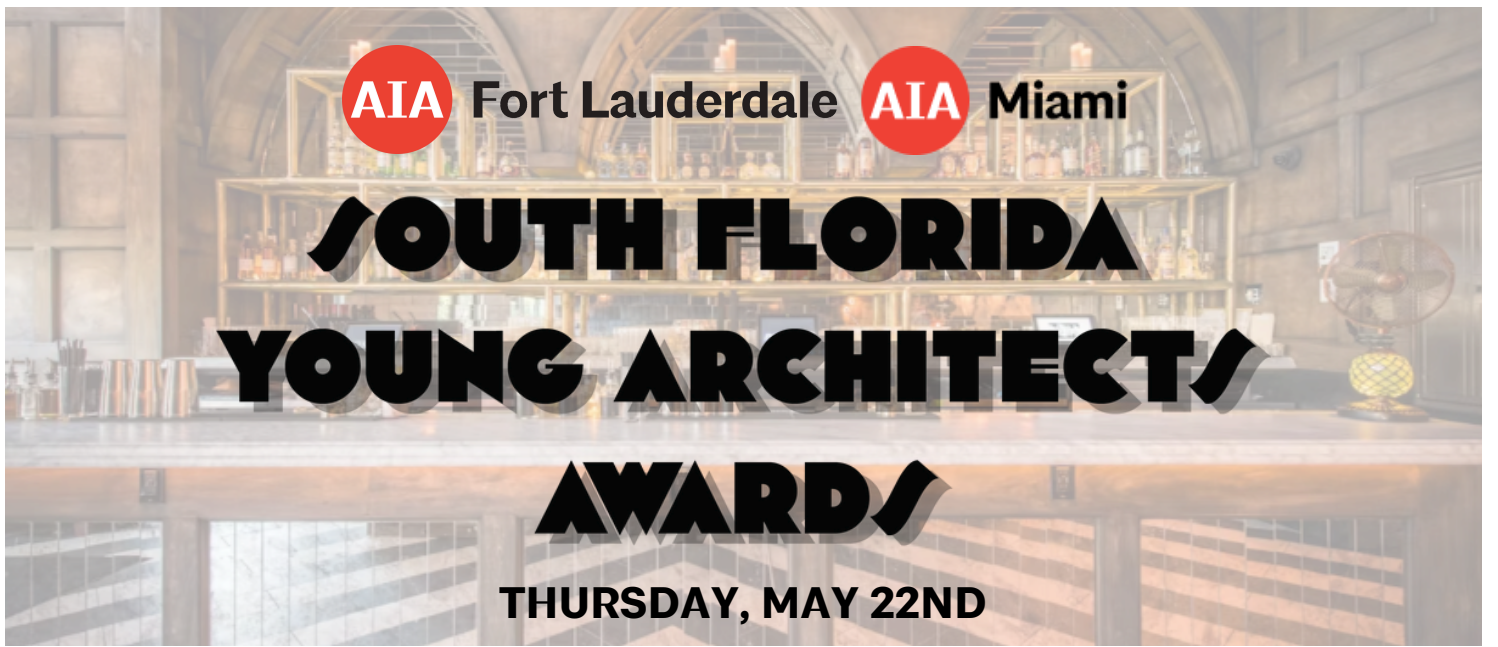
This award is given to recognize a Young Architect who has demonstrated commitment to their profession by serving the AIA or collateral organizations on a committee or in an executive position. This category cannot be self-nominated. This award is open to Young Architects or Associates.

- **COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

This award is given to recognize a Young Architect or Associate Member whose leadership in community activities and service has been a direct benefit to the greater South Florida community at large. The individual’s service must demonstrate, beyond any reasonable doubt, qualities, outcomes in programs or civic influences that have benefited a community or communities in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. This category cannot be self-nominated. This award is open to Young Architects or Associates.

- **MENTOR OF THE YEAR**

This award recognizes a licensed architect who has shown an unwavering commitment to mentoring and developing emerging professionals in his or her own firm or elsewhere in Broward or Miami-Dade County. This category cannot be self-nominated.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

▪ LICENSURE

Every year the awards recognize emerging professionals who have become licensed architects since the last awards ceremony.

ALL CATEGORIES | ENTRY FEES

AIA Members

\$20.00 for the first submittal

\$10 for each additional submittal except for “Special Recognition” Categories which are free.

Non-Members

\$30.00 for the first submittal

\$15 for each additional submittal except for “Special Recognition” Categories which are free.

AIA Students

\$10 for the first submission and \$5 for each additional submittal except for “Special Recognition” categories which are free.

Please Note: All entry fees are non-refundable

REGISTRATION

Step 1. Visit the AIA Fort Lauderdale Website at <https://www.aiafortlauderdale.com/youngarchitectaward>

Step 2. Fill out the entry form, select your categories and send in payment.

Step 3. Receive the entry information from AIA Fort Lauderdale via email, and send in your entry materials.

Step 4. Join us at the Wilder in downtown Fort Lauderdale for a great awards ceremony.

Registration and fees are due by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2025.

Online registration is available by going to our website at

<https://www.aiafortlauderdale.com/youngarchitectaward> under events.

Any questions can be addressed to committee chair, Bryce Bounds, AIA at bryce@arch13.com or Marti La Marca at director@aiafortlauderdale.org.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All nominations/entries must be completed in the forms provided. Entries shall be submitted using the provided template and delivered to the chapter via email to director@aiafortlauderdale.org

NOTE: JPG files must be uploaded in low resolution. Keep the total email size under 10 MB.

SCHEDULE

Friday, April 1 st, 2025 at 9:00 am - Submissions open

Monday, April 28th, 2025 at 5:00 pm - Deadline for receipt of application and fees

Wednesday, April 30th, 2025 at 5:00 pm - Final deadline for receiving support materials

Thursday, May 22 nd , 2025 at 6:00 pm - Awards Party at the Wilder.

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION](#)