



DESIGN AWARDS 2023 | NOVEMBER 3, 2023

CALL FOR ENTRIES

These awards intend to encourage excellence in architecture, elevate public consciousness of good design, and recognize those architects whose work enriches our built environment. The submittals are open to built or unbuilt architectural projects of all types and sizes and can be submitted by individuals or firms that are members of the AIA Fort Lauderdale chapter, and that are also practicing in Broward County or that are also AIA or AIAS in a Broward County University or college. All submittals must indicate the “Architect of Record” and this architect must be a member of the Fort Lauderdale AIA. Firms utilizing the work of college students are only allowed in the Education and Student Category. Under the Contractor Award, the project submitted must be designed (Architect of Record) by a member Architect.

The awards are juried by a panel of non-competing, award-winning, Architects who are not members of AIA Fort Lauderdale and have not served as design awards jurors for at least the past 6 years. Multiple Honor and Merit Awards may be awarded as entries are solely and individually weighted on their value of design excellence and technical rigor.

Winners will be announced at the Design Awards Event at The Flamingo Room at Gulfstream Park on November 3, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

- ✦ **September 15**
Submission Fees Due
- ✦ **October 02**
Project Submittal Due
- ✦ **November 03**
Design Awards Celebration
[Click here to purchase your tickets!](#)

JURIED NOMINATIONS

Architectural Design

The AIA Fort Lauderdale Design Awards wants to recognize achievements for a broad range of architectural activities to elevate the general quality of architecture practice, establish a standard of excellence against which all architects can measure performance, and inform the public of the breadth and value of architecture practice. We strive to promote, recognize, publicize, and celebrate the value exceptional and functional design has on the fabric of society. Whether it is a large, multi-residential affordable housing project, or a small public work, our jurors are anxious to see your work. We believe great architecture is about creating a lasting functional design that will remain for generations, inspiring people and enriching their lives. Innovative buildings can help redesign the way we live our lives for the better and enable us to make the most of the space we have. We aim to recognize individuals and teams who have made a substantial contribution to the field of architecture. Our awards will recognize that excellence in architecture.

- Each project should consider sustainable design practices that improve energy conservation, and the health and resilience of its community.
- Eligible projects include built projects of all sizes and classifications-including single buildings, groups of buildings, parks and plazas, historic preservations, additions, remodeling, renovations, adaptive re-use, and interiors.

Test of Time (Must Be Built)

The Test of Time Award recognizes distinguished single works of architecture that are still functioning as originally design for a period of 20 years or more in which the function, aesthetic statement, and execution can be reassessed. Further, it is the intent of the program to recognize works that, by the timelessness of their design, have influenced that building or building type. The project must be standing in substantially completed form, in good condition, and should substantially still carry out the original program. Buildings whose basic functions have been modified or have been adapted for reuse are ineligible.

Student Category (May be Built or Unbuilt)

This award recognizes studio or competition projects by college students attending a school of architecture program within Broward County. Design excellence in student work including research, installations, conceptual projects, or competitions. The purpose of the Student Category is to recognize excellence in architectural design, promote architecture in Florida, and build a relationship between AIA Fort Lauderdale and the academic community. Faculty sponsorship is required for all submissions. Participation is open to all eligible students at no charge. Students may enter projects as an individual entry or team entry without limit.

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Built Award

The Built Award recognizes design that elevates the human experience while addressing the project's practical needs. Submissions for the Built Award must meet the following requirements:

- The design should be responsive to its site and provide significant improvement.
- Projects must have been built or under construction within the immediate past five calendar years from the entry deadline.
- Each project should consider sustainable design practices that improve energy conservation, and the health and resilience of its community.
- Eligible projects include built projects of all sizes and classifications-including single buildings, groups of buildings, parks and plazas, historic preservations, additions, remodeling, renovations, adaptive re-use, and interiors.

Unbuilt Award

The Unbuilt Award recognizes outstanding examples of recent, initially commissioned architectural designs not yet built or complete. The entry shall exemplify excellence in design while exploring the nature and science of our profession. The focus is on the process of design. Submissions for the Unbuilt Award must meet the following requirements:

- Projects must have been designed within the immediate past five calendar years from the entry deadline.
- Construction shall not have commenced before the deadline for entry.
- Entries must be commissioned for compensation on behalf of a client or in direct response to a compensated design competition.
- Eligible projects include single buildings, groups of buildings, urban designs, additions, renovations, and extended use projects.

The Jury will be awarding submittals with three (3) award categories:

More than one award for each category will be given if the submittals warrant recognition.

- Honor Award
- Merit Award
- Citation Award

AIA MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

All members are encouraged to submit separate submissions for the following categories. The submission shall be in letter form with all appropriate backup materials to support the nomination and signed by a current AIA Fort Lauderdale member. Submissions from non-members will not be reviewed. All submissions shall be emailed to:

- Maribel Cordova-Ramirez, Executive Director (director@aiafortlauderdale.org).

Firm of the Year

This award will be given in recognition of a firm that displays excellence in design, mentorship of architects, community service, and support to AIA Fort Lauderdale during the 2022 – 2023 calendar year (August to August). To demonstrate this the firm shall submit active or completed projects within this timeline, examples of the process set up for mentorship and/or professional growth of architects within the firm, community service involvement, and demonstration of support of the AIA Fort Lauderdale Chapter through the participation of staff and financial supports. Firms wishing to be considered for this award must submit the required criteria of a letter and pictures (4-page max) stating why their firm should be considered for “Firm of the Year”.

Contractor Award

This category recognizes projects that demonstrate excellence in design implementation by a General Contractor. The Architect of Record for any projects submitted by a General Contractor is required to be a member of AIA Fort Lauderdale. Firms wishing to be considered for this award must submit the required criteria of a letter and pictures (4-page max) stating why their firm should be considered for “Contractor Award”.

Community Service Award

This award is given to recognize an AIA Ft. Lauderdale Architect whose leadership in community activities and service has been a direct benefit to the profession or community. The individual’s leadership and service must demonstrate, beyond any reasonable doubt, qualities, outcomes in works of art, programs, or civic influences that have benefited the profession or the community.

Government Service Award

This award is given to an AIA Ft Lauderdale Architect who, by their interest, activity, and concern for the profession of architecture, shall have advanced the cause of good design and planning, and/or contributed to the dignity and value of the architectural profession as an elected or appointed or employed government official/employee.

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AIA Service Gold Medal Award

This award recognizes an individual Architect in Broward County who has distinguished himself or herself in a manner resulting in a profound impact on the profession over an extended period of time. This is the highest award that AIA Ft. Lauderdale can bestow on one of its members and only one may be given in a year. Any individual who has been a member of AIA for a minimum of 10 years is eligible. The individual's long-term, noteworthy accomplishments in the AIA, as well as community organizations or governmental bodies, must demonstrate distinguishable results characterizing one's career in a manner over and above what is normally expected.

Educator of the Year Award

This award will be given in recognition of an educator in Broward County whose outstanding performance has made a significant contribution to the advancement of architectural education through college or university teaching. Nominations may be made by any AIA Ft. Lauderdale Chapter member. Individuals may not nominate themselves.

Associate Member Individual Honor Award

The Associate Member Individual Honor Award recognizes an associate member whose leadership, activities, and service to AIA Ft. Lauderdale have been a direct benefit to the profession.

Allied Member of the Year Award

This award recognizes an Allied Member who is not an architect, but who, by their interest, participation and concern, has promoted and contributed to the dignity and value of AIA Ft. Lauderdale and the architectural profession.

AIA Executive Board Honor Award

The AIA Fort Lauderdale Executive Board's Honor Award will be judged and awarded by the Executive Board and presented at the Design Awards Gala.

ENTRY FEES all entry fees are non-refundable

Architect, AIA Member

\$100 per project

Architect, AIA Non-Member

\$200 per project

STUDENT DESIGN AWARDS

Student, AIAS Member

\$25 per project

Student, AIAS Non-Member

\$40 per project

[Click here to pay your entry fees](#)

Once we receive your entry fee payment, you will receive an email with your project submittal number and project entry template*

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All entries must be completed within the PowerPoint template provided. Entries shall be submitted using the provided template and delivered to the chapter via the email provided above. The maximum file size must not exceed 10 MB.

The electronic format facilitates a submission in which all images support the program statement. Each visual should have a purpose as it relates to the larger idea. The photos should contain compelling pieces of information to make the statement visually understood.

Be sure to label drawings clearly. The design of the PPT submission is up to the creator, but the project code number must be included in the upper right section of the slide. Consider the impact the image will make when projected onto a large screen. Images of the winning projects will shown at the design awards celebration.