



# DESIGN AWARDS CALL FOR ENTRY

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**  
**5:00 PM Tuesday, June 15, 2021**

## **CATEGORIES**

### **INSTITUTIONAL ARCHITECTURE**

Building design projects involving structures for education, religion and government.

### **COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURE**

Building design projects involving structures for commerce, including but not limited to: office, retail, multi-family housing and food service.

### **RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE**

Single-family residential projects, including homes, additions, restorations, renovations and interiors.

### **COMMERCIAL INTERIORS**

Projects involving primarily the design of commercial interior spaces.

### **HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE**

Building design projects involving the preservation, restoration, rehabilitation or sympathetic adaptive reuse of older structures. Projects must remain historic in character.

### **CONCEPTUAL / UNBUILT ARCHITECTURE**

Works that remain unbuilt, but are worthy of the attention of colleagues and the public. Winning Conceptual / Unbuilt entries are not eligible for resubmission in built categories.

### **URBAN DESIGN and MASTER PLANNING**

The AIA Northern Virginia awards program does not maintain a separate category for Urban Design and Master Planning projects – however, planning projects are welcome to be submitted for consideration under the category most appropriate to the specific project.

## **AIA FRAMEWORK FOR DESIGN EXCELLENCE**

The AIA's Framework for Design Excellence represents the defining principles of good design in the 21st century. Comprised of 10 principles, the Framework seeks to inform progress toward a zero-carbon, equitable, resilient, and healthy built environment.

The Framework is intended to be accessible and relevant for every architect, every client, and every project, regardless of size, typology, or aspiration.

Last year, as an introduction to the Framework, AIA Northern Virginia focused on three of the ten measures. This year we are requiring each project narrative address the following measures:

### [AIA FRAMEWORK FOR DESIGN EXCELLENCE:](#)

1. DESIGN FOR INTEGRATION
2. DESIGN FOR EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES
3. DESIGN FOR ECOSYSTEMS
4. DESIGN FOR WATER
5. DESIGN FOR ECONOMY
6. DESIGN FOR ENERGY
7. DESIGN FOR WELL-BEING
8. DESIGN FOR RECOURSES
9. DESIGN FOR CHANGE
10. DESIGN FOR DISCOVERY

As part of the awards submission, firms are required to provide information on project design and performance based on these ten measures. Projects exemplifying the AIA's Framework for Design Excellence may be considered for a Jurors' Citation for Responsible Design.

## **JUDGING CRITERIA**

AIA Northern Virginia Design Awards program recognizes the best design work submitted regardless of scope, budget, and size. These outstanding projects elevate the appreciation of design excellence within the profession and the communities we serve.

## **AWARDS**

There are four award designations: ***Award of Excellence, Award of Merit, Jurors' Citation, and Jurors' Citation for Responsible Design.***

The *Jurors' Citation* is awarded, at the discretion of the jury, to a project that either lies outside of the base categories or bears an *exceptional aspect or detail* that the jury feels represents excellence which deserves specific honor.

The *Jurors' Citation for Responsible Design* recognizes projects exemplifying the AIA's Framework for Design Excellence.

Awards may be given to as many submissions in each category as the jury believes appropriate. **Each category will include at least one *Jurors' Citation for Responsible Design*.** The jury may also see fit to award a project in a category other than that in which it was submitted.

The Awards Committee will select a jury of distinguished architects from outside the Northern Virginia Chapter. The composition of the jury is at the Committee's discretion and is not subject to review. Each jury will include one juror who is knowledgeable and supportive of sustainable and equitable design. Projects shall be considered on their own merits regardless of size, scope, or cost. The jury may decide to not award any project in a particular category. The jury's decisions are final and not subject to review.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Any licensed AIA Architect member of the Northern Virginia Chapter may enter a project for which the entrant has had significant responsibility for design authorship of the project submitted. All work submitted must have been completed after June 1, 2016. A project can be entered in only one category per year. Projects previously honored with an award in this program are not eligible for entry. Members are encouraged, however, to resubmit all eligible projects that have been previously entered but not yet awarded.

## **PURPOSE**

The AIA Northern Virginia Chapter Design Awards Program was created to recognize and celebrate our members' achievements in the design of the built environment. The Design Awards Program honors and celebrates our members' commitment to design excellence in various practice groups. As the premier event of the Chapter, the awards program demonstrates to both clients and the public, the availability of local award-winning firms and individuals dedicated to providing outstanding architectural design and execution.

## **CONTACTS**

The AIA Northern Virginia Chapter encourages input from our members regarding this and other programs. The 2021 Chapter President is Manoj V. Dalaya, FAIA, and the 2021 Design Awards Program Co-Chairs are J. Paul Lewis, AIA and Charles Todd, AIA. Comments and questions may be directed to Debbie Burns, Chapter Executive Director, at [aianova@aianova.org](mailto:aianova@aianova.org).

## **SUBMITTAL PREPARATION**

Entries are submitted electronically and include project and authorship information, a jury PDF, and five JPG image files as outlined below.

### **1. Entrant Identification**

All sections of the online entry must be completed at [www.aianova.org/DA21](http://www.aianova.org/DA21) (*submission site will open on Monday, May 17*), including firm and project information and authorship and publication permissions.

The Chapter forwards eligible projects to both the Fairfax County James M. Scott Exceptional Design Awards (annually) and the DESIGNArlington Awards (biennially) for projects located in each jurisdiction. If you would like your project forwarded to either county program, be sure to indicate that in the appropriate place. Conceptual/Unbuilt projects are not eligible for the county programs.

## **2. Jury PDF**

The Jury PDF must be anonymous. Identification of authorship within the Jury PDF will disqualify the submission. This is the only document the jurors see. The Jury PDF shall conform to the following requirements:

- Project Name.
- Project Location (City, State).
- Project Category (a project may be entered in only one category).
- Project Synopsis: Brief statement not to exceed 500 words describing the program and the architectural concept. Use the [AIA FRAMEWORK FOR DESIGN EXCELLENCE](#) as your outline. This statement will be used in the judging process, and therefore, may not contain any identification of the project's design authorship. Succinct additional annotation is allowed in subsequent pages at the entrant's discretion.
- Diagrams and/or photographs indicating the project's physical context.
- Photographs showing each exterior facade of the project and any additional exterior and interior views necessary to describe completely the context, extent and quality of the finished project. Exterior views are optional for the Commercial Interiors category. All project photographs must credit the photographer and have rights cleared to allow for their use by the Chapter.
- Site plans, building plans, sections, and other drawings, to describe the project. Conceptual, sustainable, technical, and programmatic diagrams are encouraged. For projects involving changes to existing structures, documentation of the original conditions is required.

### Format:

- One single PDF file, maximum size = 6MB. The PDF may be in landscape or portrait orientation, but is most successfully viewed by the jury in a landscape orientation; however the page size shall be 8-1/2" x 11".
- File Naming Convention:  
JPDF\_[CATEGORY]\_[PROJECT NAME].pdf  
For example:  
JPDF\_RESIDENTIAL\_BEACH HOUSE.pdf

## **3. JPG Image Files**

Provide 5 image files in JPG format for use in the presentation of entrants and awards at the Design Awards Celebration (**please indicate your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> favorite images**).

The images must be 150dpi and no larger than 8" x 10", since exceptionally large image files will adversely affect the PowerPoint presentation. The images of all entries will be used during the Design Awards Celebration and for general publicity purposes afterwards and are not viewed by the jury during the jury process. **All project photographs must credit the photographer and have rights cleared to allow for their use by the Chapter.**

File naming convention shall be:

JPEG\_[CATEGORY]\_[PROJECT NAME]\_[IMAGE #].jpg

For example:

JPEG\_RESIDENTIAL\_BEACH HOUSE\_1.jpg

#### **4. Entry Fee**

Entry fees are \$200 for each project entry submitted.

Payment is made online by credit card or check as part of the submittal process.

### **SUBMITTAL PROCESS**

Each entry shall be submitted electronically at [www.aianova.org/DA21](http://www.aianova.org/DA21) (*submission site will open on Monday, May 17*).

As you begin the submittal process, please have all material ready. You are not able to save an incomplete submittal to complete at a later time.

Please do not use your browser's 'Back' or 'Refresh' buttons as they will cause you to lose your work. Please use the navigation buttons at the bottom of the page.

All required information must be entered before you can move on to the next section.

Each submission will include the following information:

#### **1. Entrant Identification**

- AIA Northern Virginia submitting member, contact information, and AIA number
- Design Architect Firm Name and contact information
- Architect of Record Firm Name and contact information
- Other attribution credits and contact information, if necessary
- Project name, location, and date of completion of the project
- Entry category
- If the project is LEED® certified
- If the project should be forwarded to the Arlington or Fairfax award programs
- Project owner information (*can designate withhold from publication or withhold from publication but print winner's certificate if the project is awarded*)
- Project team members
- General contractor (with email address) and other project consultants
- Photographers

#### **2. Jury PDF Upload**

Limited to 6MB in size, following the requirements and naming conventions above.

#### **3. Five JPG Images Upload**

Must be at 150dpi, following the requirements and naming conventions above.

#### **4. Payment Information**

Payment may be made online as part of the submittal process, so please have all your credit card information available. Credit card payments are collected through PayPal, but you do not need a PayPal account; you may continue as a guest to complete payment.

Payment may also be made by check, payable to AIA Northern Virginia and mailed to:  
AIA Northern Virginia  
1101 Duke Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

#### **5. Submission Confirmation**

You will receive an email confirmation when your submittal has been successfully received. If you have chosen to pay for your entries by check, you will receive a separate invoice via email as well.

If you have any questions about the submittal process or encounter difficulties submitting a project, please contact the Chapter House at [aianova@aianova.org](mailto:aianova@aianova.org).

### **WINNING ENTRIES**

Awards will be formally presented to the architects, contractors, and owners of winning projects during the annual Design Awards Celebration in August.

One certificate each is provided to the architect, the contractor, and owner. Additional award certificates can be ordered at \$25 apiece by contacting the Chapter House by Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

Winning entrants shall provide a project board to the AIA Northern Virginia Chapter office by 4:30p, Monday, August 30, 2021 for use in promotions related to the Awards Program:

One 24" x 24" panel, 1/2" thick, illustrating the winning entry. The Chapter shall retain the panel for three years, after which the entrant may reclaim it. A description of the panel requirements will be provided to each winner.

Submit all inquiries to: AIA Northern Virginia – [aianova@aianova.org](mailto:aianova@aianova.org)