

Design Awards Call for Entries:

AIA Northern Virginia Design Awards

Submissions are Due May 26, 2022, by 5:00 PM ET

The AIA Northern Virginia Chapter Design Awards Program recognizes and celebrates our members' achievements in design of the built environment and their commitment to design excellence in various practice groups. These prestigious chapter awards demonstrate to the clients and the public the value of good design while identifying local firms and individuals dedicated to providing outstanding architectural design and service.

CATEGORIES this year include:

INSTITUTIONAL ARCHITECTURE

Building design projects involving structures for education, religion, health care 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.

TRANSPORTATION and INFRASTRUCTURE

Transportation and Infrastructure focuses on planning, architectural design and technical issues related to transportation and infrastructure, including systems and civic facilities to accommodate marine, aviation, and land-based transit, as well as data, energy, water and waste distribution networks. This category examines the architecture of, and to advocate for design quality in, transportation and infrastructure projects.

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.

AWARDS

Each submission is eligible to receive one of four awards:

Award of Excellence – is the top honor in a category and is awarded to projects that exemplify many of the 10 principles of the [AIA Framework for Design Excellence](#) and excel in their design.

Award of Merit – is awarded to projects that excel in their category for overall good design.

Jurors' Citation – is awarded to projects that *either* lie outside of the base categories *or* include an exceptional aspect or detail that the jury feels represents excellence which deserves specific honor.

Jurors' Citation for Responsible Design – is awarded to projects that highlight principles of the [AIA Framework for Design Excellence](#).

Awards may be given to as many submissions in each category as the jury believes appropriate. Categories must have at least two competing submissions to be considered for possible awards by the jury. Each category will include at least one *Jurors' Citation for Responsible Design* award. The jury reserves the right to move a project submission to a different, more appropriate category during the judging process.

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, 2017. A project can be entered in only one category per year. Projects previously honored with an award in this program are not eligible for additional awards and should not be resubmitted for other categories. Members may resubmit any eligible projects that have not received an award previously.

In addition, eligible projects can be forwarded to the [Fairfax County James M. Scott Exceptional Design Awards](#) (annually) and the [DESIGNArlington Awards](#) (biennially). While completing the application form, be sure to indicate your preference. Projects entered into the Conceptual/Unbuilt category are not accepted by the county programs.

ENTRY FEE

The fee to submit an entry for the AIA Northern Virginia Design Awards is \$200 per project.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

Read entirely prior to beginning your submission.

1. Each entry shall include project and authorship information, a Jury PDF, five JPG image files and be submitted electronically at <https://aianova.org/DA22/form.php>.
2. Have all submission material ready. You are NOT able to save your work in progress and complete at a later time. This [submission template](#), [Jury PDF Instruction Sheet](#), and [Jury PDF Form](#) will provide you with the information you should collect and assemble in advance.
3. Do NOT use your browser's 'Back' or 'Refresh' buttons as they will cause you to lose your work.
4. DO use the navigation buttons at the bottom of the page.
5. All required information must be entered before you can move on to the next section.
6. All project photographs must credit the photographer and have rights cleared and permissions to allow for use by the Chapter.

7. Payment is made online as part of the submittal process. Credit card payments are collected through PayPal, but you do not need a PayPal account; you may continue as a guest to complete payment. Please contact AIA Northern Virginia Staff, aianova@aianova.org, if you wish to pay by check.
8. You will receive an email confirmation when your submittal has been successfully received.
9. View the [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

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.

JURY

The AIA Northern Virginia Design Awards Committee will select a jury of distinguished architects from outside the Northern Virginia region and is selected with the assistance of another AIA component. The jurors are asked to be aware of and consider the AIA Framework for Design Excellence during deliberation. The jury may decide to award multiple awards in a particular category and/or not award any project in a category. The jury's decisions are final.

WINNING ENTRIES

Winners will be notified on or before July 15 and awards will be presented during the annual Design Awards Celebration in September (exact date TBD).

One certificate will be provided to the winning architect. Additional award certificates can be ordered at \$50 each by contacting AIA NoVA Chapter Staff by August 5, 2022.

Winning entrants are required to provide a project board to CannonDesign, 1560 Wilson Blvd STE 200, Arlington, VA 22209 by 4:30p, August 31, 2022, for use in promotions related to the Awards Program.

Project Board Requirements:

- One 24" x 24" panel, illustrating the winning entry.
- It must be matte black, one-half inch thick, Gator Board.
- It must include a "Project Title Area" across the top, 2"-3.5" deep, that incorporates the name of the project, project location (city and state) and the firm name. The text must be white lettering on a black background, all capital letters and centered on the board.
- Photographers' credit(s) must be included on the board.
- It must also include the AIA Northern Virginia logo which will be provided via email
- The AIA NoVA Chapter shall retain the panel for three years, after which the entrant may reclaim it.

CONTACT

The Chapter encourages input from our members regarding the AIA Northern Virginia Design Awards program. Comments and questions may be directed to the Executive Director, Jaclyn S. Toole, at jaclyn@aianova.org.