



This year, we are pleased to continue the new design category created in 2022 to the AIA Architecture Awards: ***Student Project Award***. This category was established to enable the professional membership and celebrate excellence in studio design projects completed by students of Architecture in the AIA Buffalo/WNY Chapter area. To bridge the gap between the professional and academic settings, we are proud to extend an invitation to junior, senior, or graduate level students attending an Architecture program in Western New York and students that are residents of the AIA Buffalo/WNY Chapter area attending an NAAB accredited Architecture program.

STUDENT PROJECT AWARD

The Student Project Award is open to an unbuilt project designed by a student within the last two semesters, which includes Fall 2022 and Spring 2023. The project cannot be affiliated with an architecture firm. Projects must successfully demonstrate design solutions that exhibit innovation, skill, and sensitivity in the resolution of functional and technical requirements.

Entries for the Student Project category are limited to students attending an architecture program at a university or college. The project must have been completed during the junior, senior, or master years of study.

The applicant must be a resident of the AIA Buffalo/WNY Chapter area while attending a university or college outside the area or be a non-resident but attending a university or college in the chapter area. The AIA Buffalo/WNY chapter area includes the counties of Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Orleans, and Wyoming.

SUBMISSION FEE \$30 / Individual or Group Project



SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 1, 2023

Thursday, September 28, 2023

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Call for Entry & Online Submissions Opens

Submissions Due - 11:59 PM (EST)

Design Awards Gala

Winners announced to the public.

ELIGIBILITY - To be eligible for this award:

- You must be currently registered as a student(s) within an architectural design program or have recently graduated (within 6 months from submission due date) from an architectural program.
- You must be a resident of the AIA Buffalo/WNY Chapter area while attending a university or college outside the area or be a non-resident but attending a university or college in the chapter area. The AIA Buffalo/WNY chapter area includes the counties of Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Genesee, Orleans, and Wyoming.
- Work must be completed entirely and solely by the student(s), and must have been completed within the past two semesters prior to the entry deadline.
- Work must be architectural or three-dimensional in nature. Graphic design projects will not be considered.
- Group projects are acceptable, but recognition must be given to each team member.
- Projects submitted must be an assignment of an academic design program. Projects completed in a professional work or freelance setting are not permitted.
- Only one project is allowed per student.
- Doctoral projects or doctoral research are not eligible for submission.
- Undergraduate students must submit undergraduate-level work.
- Graduate students must submit graduate-level work.
- Graduate students entering their first semester in a graduate program may submit undergraduate-level work completed within the past two semesters.

AWARD LEVEL

Student Project Award - Requires unanimous vote of the jury that a project excels in all aspects. Reserved for those projects which stand out from all of the entries. This highest honor recognizes projects which are deemed to exemplify excellence of architectural design on all levels of analysis, and exemplify the highest standards of student achievement.



JUDGING CRITERIA

Entries will be judged for the success with which the project has met its individual requirements, with particular emphasis on [AIA's Framework for Design Excellence](#). The jury uses anonymous written and visual material submitted for their analysis. Project authorship will remain concealed throughout the deliberations of the jury. If the authorship is revealed on any of the images, plans, captions or narratives, the entry will be disqualified.

JURY

Juror selection is based upon locating impartial individuals who represent high levels of professional achievement and integrity. Every attempt is made to create a balanced panel that will provide fair judgment to all entries, regardless of project type, scale or requirements.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Submissions must clearly demonstrate process and accomplishment to address the judging criteria noted above.

SUBMISSION PROCESS / TASK LIST

1. Project Requirements:

Upload a document in PDF format as supplied by the studio professor explaining project program requirements (if none, then provide a written explanation of the program requirements for the project). This document must include the studio professor, semester, course number and information such as project timeline, project site, scope, parameters, final studio deliverables and if project was done by an individual or group, etc. Do not upload the entire course syllabus; only upload the portion explaining project program requirements and other details as requested. PDF file naming format: Project Name_Requirements.pdf (no student names in title)

2. Written Narrative:

DO NOT IDENTIFY the student or students in any way. Explain the design concept and highlight important distinguishing features or strategies (what makes this project special). Emphasize the elements of design achievement as defined in Judging Criteria by speaking to at least ONE principle from the AIA Framework for Design Excellence (New for 2022). Must not exceed 500 words.



3. Supporting Images/Diagrams/Graphics:

Upload a supporting graphic document in PDF format. This document is meant to graphically represent the project to the jury. Entries will be judged based on graphic content rather than graphic layout.

- Maximum 2 (two) 24"x 36" pages - total file size cannot exceed 10 MB.
- No more than 10 (ten) images allowed for the entire document.
- Pages may include diagrams, photographs, site plans, sections, elevations or other illustrative drawings.
- The total word count per page should not exceed 125.
- Anonymity is a MUST: personal names are not to be visible on any pages or images.
- PDF File naming format: Project Name.pdf (no student names in title)

4. Publicity Images (4 in JPG):

Upload up to four (4) separate images to be submitted as part of the full online submittal. These images should showcase the project for publicity purposes. These images may not include any text. Requirements: Print-quality (300 dpi) image of approximately 2400 x 4000 pixels (if possible) in JPG.

JPG file naming format:

- Project Name_1.jpg (in order of preference, no student names in title)
- Project Name_2.jpg
- Project Name_3.jpg
- Project Name_4.jpg

5. Summary of the Submission

1. Project requirements document in PDF format
2. Written narrative
3. Supporting images/diagrams/graphic document in PDF format
4. Up to 4 publicity images in JPG format

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Each project must be individually submitted [online](#). Payment processing is done on a per entry basis. All submissions are final and there will be no refunds for submissions that are incomplete or disqualified per the deadlines/guidelines of this awards program.

<https://form.jotform.com/aiadesignawards/2023-student-design-award-entry-sub>

Please direct all questions, comments and concerns to:

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