



## 2025 AIA INDIANA ANNUAL DESIGN AWARDS – Call for Submissions

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All AIA Indiana member architects in good standing who have led the design of completed projects inside or outside of Indiana are invited to compete for Honor, Merit, and Citation Design Awards. Also, AIA member architects outside of Indiana in good standing and who are responsible for the lead role in designing projects located in Indiana are invited to compete. If a project had both a design architect and an architect-of-record, submissions must include the names of both. The awards will be presented during the AIA Kentucky/AIA Indiana Convention on Friday, September 19 at the Central Bank Center in Lexington, KY. **The submission deadline is 4 p.m. EDT, Thursday, June 19, 2025.**

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#### Categories

The jury will be requested to review submissions for possible awards in the following areas:

1. NEW CONSTRUCTION – (Project cost greater than \$5 million)
2. NEW CONSTRUCTION – (Project cost less than \$5 million)
3. PRESERVATION/ADAPTIVE REUSE/RENOVATION
4. INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE – (Project cost greater than \$5 million)
5. INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE – (Project cost less than \$5 million)
6. NON-TRADITIONAL PROJECTS
7. 25-YEAR AWARD

*New Construction, Preservation/Adaptive Reuse/Renovation, or Interiors:* All entries for New Construction, Preservation/Adaptive Reuse/Renovation, or Interiors must be a constructed work of architecture, either a building or a complex of buildings and related spaces completed within the past five (5) years. Completion is synonymous with “substantial completion” as defined in the standard AIA documents governing construction.

*Non-Traditional Projects:* This category is intended to recognize any creative work not applicable for the remaining categories (e.g., research & development, regional & urban design, art installations, unbuilt, etc.) authored by AIA Indiana member architects licensed in the State of Indiana and completed within the last five (5) years.

**25-Year Award:** All entries intended for the 25-year award must be a constructed work of architecture built over twenty-five years ago anywhere in Indiana and still being used for the original purpose. The award intends to recognize projects of distinction that add value to the communities in which they belong and that have retained their original design intent. Only AIA Indiana members in good standing may nominate a project for this award. Only one 25-year award winner will be selected. Projects submitted for the 25-Year Award must be located in Indiana. The 25-Year Award submissions will be adjudicated by the AIA Indiana FAIA Design Awards Task Force.

### **Eligibility and Authorship**

**All AIA Indiana member architects who have led the design of completed projects are eligible to submit project entries. Also, all AIA member, Indiana licensed non-resident architects who are responsible for the lead role in designing projects are eligible to submit project entries located in Indiana.**

Entries are welcomed and encouraged from both established and new practitioners and designers and from small firms and large. All submissions, other than 25-year Award submissions, must have a substantial completion date within five (5) years after September 19, 2020. Where multiple architects and/or designers collaborated on respective projects, the applicant shall identify all participating design and engineering firms and their roles in the project.

An individual or firm may submit more than one entry. It is recommended the architect inform the owner that the project has been entered in this awards program. An additional entry fee is required if a submission is entered into more than one category. Entries submitted to previous AIA Indiana Annual Awards Programs may be resubmitted if they did not receive an award.

### **Adjudication**

All entries will first be reviewed by the AIA Indiana FAIA Design Awards Task Force to ensure each entry followed the stated rules before they are submitted to the 2025 AIA Indiana Design Awards Jury.

Entries, except for 25-Year Award submissions, will be judged by the 2025 AIA Indiana Design Awards Jury, which will be provided by AIA Oklahoma. The 25-Year Award submissions will be adjudicated by the AIA Indiana FAIA Design Awards Task Force.

If necessary, substitutions for any jury members will be announced to the membership of AIA Indiana. It is the intention of AIA Indiana to publish jury members and their respective comments regarding the award recipients at the time of the presentation of the awards. Comments on entries that do not receive an award are typically not provided.

All decisions of this jury are final and independent from AIA Indiana, its officers, directors, committee members, and staff. The AIA Indiana Awards Committee does not participate in the jury

deliberations, but will organize the jury, ship and receive entries to and from the jury for deliberations, and facilitate preparation and presentation of the awards.

### **Recognition**

Jurors of previous AIA Indiana award programs have traditionally recognized three classifications of awards:

- Honor
- Merit
- Citation

Awards have been given in each category, but it is the liberty of the jury to present awards as they rule appropriate.

### **Presentation of Awards**

Results of the jury and award winners will remain undisclosed to the public until the day of the presentation, Friday, September 19, 2025. Media releases may be released the day prior to attract media promotions. Winners will receive a plaque.

The awards will be presented Friday, September 19, during the AIA Kentucky/AIA Indiana Convention, at the Central Bank Center in Lexington, KY. All entrants are encouraged to attend the entire convention as well as the awards presentation. Owners of the built work and contractors are also encouraged to attend. Registration for the convention, which includes the awards presentation, will be sent separately.

## **PROVISIONS**

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### **Requirements**

**While the requirements for the AIA Indiana Annual Design Awards are less prescriptive than those for the AIA National Honor Awards, all entrants are encouraged to reenter their projects in the national awards program.**

### **Payment**

Registration fees for AIA Indiana members/firms are \$225.00 for the first entry and \$125.00 for each additional entry thereafter. Fees are non-refundable and will not be refunded for entries that are disqualified or that do not receive an award. Collected fees will cover expenses for publication of the program to the membership, jury expenses, production of the awards, and promotion of the awards to the public.

### **Submission Format**

All submissions are to be emailed to [jshelley@aiaindiana.org](mailto:jshelley@aiaindiana.org).

## Submission Deadline

Submission deadline is **4 p.m. EDT, Thursday, June 19, 2025**. Entries received after the deadline will be disqualified without consideration.

## Required Material

As applicants prepare their applications, entries are encouraged to be concise. Specific attention should be given to telling a compelling story of project's scope, challenges, solutions, and personality. Each PDF application must include the following:

- Submission Category
- Project Type (Specify Use of Building)
- Project Address
- Date of Substantial Completion
- Photos
- Architect's statement concerning design considerations, limitations, requirements, and solutions. Type of construction indicating materials, mechanical and electrical systems, energy efficiency, and other pertinent technical information. Special considerations such as accessibility, sustainable design, etc., and how these factors impacted the design of the project.
- The jury will be encouraged to recognize Honor, Merit and/or Citation Award status in any or all the project categories. In addition, the 10 measures of [AIA's Framework for Design Excellence](#) (opens new window) will be used as evaluation criteria by the jury.
- Sustainable and environmental design statement: Projects will be considered with regard to how they demonstrate a high level of sustainable and environmental design and performance. The statement should describe sustainable and environmental design strategies and approaches. Applicants are strongly encouraged to include technical data to support one of the following recognized means of measurement: LEED, Living Building Challenge, Green Globes, BREEAM, WELL, or equivalent. Applicants are also advised to provide the project's Baseline & Projected Energy Use Intensity (EUI) in accordance with 2030 Challenge guidelines, example - Baseline EUI: \_\_\_\_\_; Projected EUI: \_\_\_\_\_; Percent Reduction from Baseline: \_\_\_\_\_.
- No distinguishing marks, symbols, trademarks or icons should be visible on any part of the submission.
- **Please name this file yourprojectname-submission.pdf. Please limit your submission to no more than 20 PDF pages. No file shall be larger than 30 megabytes.**

In a separate file, applicants must include a document (PDF) to outline the following:

- Project Name (As it should appear on the Award)
- Project Address
- Architect and Firm Name and Address (Specify individual(s) or firm name or both as it should appear on the Award)
- Owner's and/or Developer's Name and Address

- Consultant's Names and Addresses for Civil, Structural, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, Landscape Architecture, Etc.
- General Contractor's Name and Address
- Multiple Prime or Sub Contractor's Names and Addresses
- Photographer's Name and Address (be certain to identify photographer of each photograph as required by copyright where applicable)
- Typed Name and Signature of the submitting architect authorizing AIA Indiana to reproduce portions of the entry materials for promotional purposes.
- Project/Entry authorship will remain concealed from the jury during all deliberations.
- **Please name this file *yourprojectname-informationsheet.pdf*.**

### **For Your Information**

Submitted material will be used by AIA Indiana in promotion of this program, and for publicizing the winning entries.

Additional copies of the award can be made for the project owner, contractor(s), etc. If additional copies are desired, they can be ordered at cost through AIA Indiana. You can make arrangements with AIA Indiana for additional copies of the awards to be available at the presentation.

Questions should be directed to AIA Indiana Executive Director Jason Shelley, [jshelley@aiaindiana.org](mailto:jshelley@aiaindiana.org), 317.634.6993.

All entrants and their project's owner(s) and contractor(s) are welcome and highly encouraged to attend the 2025 AIA Kentucky/AIA Indiana Convention, which is scheduled for September 18 and 19, at the Central Bank Center in Lexington, KY, along with the Awards Presentation.

Congratulations on your fine work and good luck!

-Your 2025 AIA Indiana Design Awards Committee

## Registration Form - 2025 AIA Indiana Annual Design Awards

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

AIA Member #:\_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

We are submitting\_\_\_\_\_project(s) in the 2025 AIA Indiana Annual Design Awards Program.

1. Project Name:\_\_\_\_\_

2. Project Name:\_\_\_\_\_

3. Project Name:\_\_\_\_\_

4. Project Name:\_\_\_\_\_

5. Project Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Registration fees for AIA members/firms are \$225 for the first entry and \$125 for each additional entry thereafter.

A Total of \$\_\_\_\_\_is enclosed.

Please make your check payable to **AIA Indiana** and mail to AIA Indiana, 115 W. Washington St., Suite 955 South, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Please call AIA Indiana Executive Director Jason Shelley, Hon. AIA (317-634-6993) to pay by credit card.

### Submissions

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