

AWARD CATEGORIES

DESIGN AWARDS

For the award categories with square footage or cost listed, ONE award will be given for each of those designations. In all other categories ONE award will be given unless the jury determines otherwise.

THE CAPITOL AWARD

Submissions not accepted.

The highest state honor given for a transformational project—one designed for the human experience that works towards cultural transformation. It will be selected from all submissions, chosen directly by the jury.

FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTERIORS – *Project 5,000 SF and over*

For innovation in architecture and unique design ideas

FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTERIORS – *Project under 5,000 SF*

For innovation in architecture and unique design ideas.

FOR EXCELLENCE IN MASTER PLANNING

For master planning or implementation of a master plan.

FOR GREATEST IMPACT – *Project Construction Value \$5M and above*

For new design or renovation of an individual building.

FOR GREATEST IMPACT – *Project Construction Value Below \$5M*

For new design or renovation of an individual building.

FOR EXCELLENCE IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION – *Project Construction Value \$5M and Above*

For historic preservation, restoration, or adaptive reuse of a building.

FOR EXCELLENCE IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION – *Project Construction Value Below \$5M*

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FOR DESIGN EXCELLENCE IN HIGH-PERFORMANCE BUILDINGS – *Project 5,000 SF and Over*

Recognition for buildings that exceed code-minimum energy performance and do not burn fossil fuels. For example: All-Electric Buildings, PHIUS Certified Buildings, and Net Zero Energy Buildings, LEED v4.

FOR DESIGN EXCELLENCE IN HIGH-PERFORMANCE BUILDINGS – *Project under 5,000 SF*

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AIA ILLINOIS' MISSION STATEMENT:
Empowered by members to champion the profession of architecture.

MEMBER SERVICE AWARDS

Nominees should be active AIA Illinois members except for the President's Award and Champion Award for Non-Architects.

AIA ILLINOIS GOLD MEDAL

The highest honor bestowed by AIA Illinois, this lifetime achievement award recognizes a member for demonstrating time-honored leadership, significant contributions to AIA Illinois, and dedication to the profession.

CHAMPION AWARD

Honors exemplary individuals who embody AIA Illinois' mission to "champion the profession of architecture" and are change-makers in pursuit of our vision for "more vibrant & equitable communities for all." *More than one award can be presented in this category:*

- ***FOR SOCIAL IMPACT***
Formerly the R. Buckminster Fuller Award, recognizes a member involved in humanitarian or community-driven projects.
- ***FOR EQUITABLE PRACTICE***
Formerly the Alan Madison Award, recognizes a member who is a positive change-maker and an inspiration to their fellow practitioners.
- ***FOR PUBLIC SERVICE***
Formerly the Charles W. Nothnagel Award, recognizes a member's dedication to public service through exemplary efforts at the local, state, or national level.
- ***FOR NON-ARCHITECTS***
Formerly the Richard Nickel Award, recognizes the achievements of an individual non-architect who demonstrated a dedication to the principles of the architecture profession and the AIA Illinois mission and vision.

EDUCATOR AWARD

Formerly the Nathan Clifford Ricker Award, recognizes the dedication and talent of an architecture educator in Illinois.

EARLY CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Recognizes members who have shown exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the profession in the early stages of their career.

More than one award can be presented in this category:

- ***EMERGING PROFESSIONALS*** – Associate Members 10 years post-graduation
- ***YOUNG ARCHITECTS*** – Licensed 10 years or less

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Submissions not accepted.

Bestowed by the President, this recognizes a person, group, or entity that has made outstanding contributions to the AIA Illinois mission & vision, as well as to the architectural profession at large.

Design firms are not eligible.