

2025 AIA Illinois Honor Awards

Submission Deadline: June 13, 2025, 11:59 p.m. CT

Step 1: Submitter's Details

- Submitter's First Name:
- Submitter's Last Name:
- Submitter's AIA designation (if applicable):
- Submitter's Email Address:
- Submitter's Firm Name (if applicable):
- Submitter's Address:
 - Address 1
 - Address 2
 - Country
 - City
 - State/Province
 - ZIP/Postal Code
 - Submitter's Phone
- Co-Submitter Details
 - Add anyone additional who worked on, or is working on, this submission. Multiple co-submitter's may be added.*
 - Address 1
 - Address 2
 - Country
 - City
 - State/Province
 - ZIP/Postal Code
 - Submitter's Phone
- Title of Submission:
 - Project name (Design Award) **OR** Name of nominee or group (Service Award). *Do not include firm name.*

Step 2: Nomination Form

Choose the award that applies to this entry*:

- (Design) For Excellence in High-Performance Buildings – Project 5,000 SF and Over
- (Design) For Excellence in High-Performance Buildings – Project under 5,000 SF
- (Design) For Excellence in Historic Preservation – Project Construction Value \$5M and Above
- (Design) For Excellence in Historic Preservation – Project Construction Value Below \$5M
- (Design) For Excellence in Interiors – Project 5,000 SF and over
- (Design) For Excellence in Interiors – Project under 5,000 SF
- (Design) For Excellence in Master Planning
- (Design) For Greatest Impact – Project Construction Value \$5M and above
- (Design) For Greatest Impact – Project Construction Value Below \$5M
- (Service) AIA Illinois Gold Medal
- (Service) Champion Award for Social Impact
- (Service) Champion Award for Equitable Practice
- (Service) Champion Award for Public Service
- (Service) Champion Award for Non-Architect(s)
- (Service) Educator Award
- (Service) Early Career Achievement Award—Emerging Professional
- (Service) Early Career Achievement Award—Young Architect

**You may submit for multiple award categories, but a separate entry is required for each nomination.*

I. Written Submission Section

DESIGN AWARD details to include: (2,000 characters max/per)

- Significant dates (project start/end dates)
- Challenges faced
- Purpose and scope of the activity.
- Long range impact or benefits realized on the users of the building.
- Innovative approaches to the project.
- Why this project is deserving of recognition.
- Explain how the project might demonstrate a commitment to advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion within the architecture profession.
- Where applicable: where and how the [AIA Framework for Design Excellence](#) can be applied. Note that it is not required that a submission meet ALL *Ten Principles*.

REMINDER: Do not mention the firm name to ensure a blinded review by the jury.

SERVICE AWARD details to include: (500 characters max/per)

- A brief statement from the nominator on why the nominee or group is deserving of recognition.
- Bio of nominee or group (for marketing purposes).



II. Supporting Materials Section (20 max)

DESIGN AWARD files to include:

- Images, media coverage, signed letters of support, or other information directly supporting the stated achievements. *Captions and credit must be provided with images: Word doc or PDF are acceptable.*
- A site plan and/or floor plan and any additional drawings to give the jury a thorough and comprehensive understanding of the entry.
- Including before and after images is highly recommended.
- For the **High-Performance categories**: include building energy use measurements (EUI) in the support materials. ([Resource example 1](#), [Resource example 2](#), [Resource example 3](#))

ALL MATERIALS MUST HAVE THE FIRM NAME & LOGO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROJECT REDACTED.

SERVICE AWARD files to include:

- At least two (2) signed letters of support.
- Images, media coverage, signed letters of support, or other information directly supporting the nominee or group's achievements.
- Resume or CV if nominee is an individual.
- Photo of the nominee or group. *Captions and credit must be provided with images: Word doc or PDF are acceptable.*

File(s) must be 50 MB or smaller. 20 files max. Captions and credit MUST be provided with each image. Pause until you see your file name listed below. Larger files take a minute to upload.

Accepted File Formats: Word, Excel, TXT, PDF, JPG, PNG, PPT, MP4, MOV, RTF, BMP, GIF, ZIP

File Parameters:

- File(s) must be 50 MB or smaller.
- 20 files max.
- Videos, multi-page files, or collage-style slides are allowed if they are 50MB or smaller.
- Captions and credit MUST be provided with each image.
- Pause until you see your file name listed (larger files may take a moment to upload).

III. Project Community Section

Describe project community:

- Small Community
- Suburban
- Urban
- N/A (Service award submission)

IV. Project Team Listing

Design Award: Please provide a complete list of the project team and firm name. **This is the only section to include firm name.** If possible, also provide phone number and email address.

Service Award: Does not apply – please continue to next page.

Step 3: Photo Release & Design Credit

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DESIGN CREDIT

The intent of the awards is to honor firms and individuals responsible for the submitted designs. We strive to honor all team members as part of the process but it is critical to the integrity of the awards that the primary actor receives the primary credit. Entering the competition is an acknowledgement that the submitting firm is responsible for the submitted design. This must be the case, or the entry is not eligible for consideration.

The architect or firm of record, associated architects, project team, consultants, general contractor, and client must be identified on submission forms. Client names will be withheld from publication on request.

I have read the above.

_____ ***Confirmed***

Step 4: Review Your Submission

DESIGN AWARD: A submission fee is required for your entry to be complete. A link to securely provide payment will be in your confirmation email. Please acknowledge that you have read this and will monitor your inbox for the confirmation email. *Note that confirmation emails can land in junk/spam folders so please also check there.*

- Yes, I have read the above statement.
- NA: I am submitting a SERVICE AWARD.

Submit Button

