



The annual AIA Colorado Awards honor the outstanding work of members and their firms, reinforce the value of great architecture, and highlight member contributions to positive change.

Submittals are due **Friday, May 19, 2023, at 5pm.**

Honor Awards: Individual Awards

Architect of the Year

Recognizes an **individual** architect who made significant impact on the profession of architecture in Colorado in one or more of the following:

Award Evaluation Criteria:

- Developed a portfolio of notable, creative, and meaningful architecture that has positively impacted Colorado.
- Pushed architecture toward the future while also honoring its past.
- Become widely known for the quality of their work by architects, designers, educators, and the public.
- Advocated for fellow architects and advanced the community through their service and leadership.
- Helped to address current issues in Colorado by using their expertise as a design professional.

Young Architect of the Year

Recognizes the **individual** achievements of a young architect licensed to practice architecture **fewer than 10 years** by the submission deadline. This individual will have demonstrated exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the architecture profession early in their career in one or more of the following:

Award Evaluation Criteria:

- Developed a portfolio of notable, creative, and meaningful architecture that has positively impacted Colorado.
- Advancing architecture toward the future while also honoring its past
- Is well-respected for the quality of their work by architects, designers, educators, and the public.
- Advocated for fellow architects and advanced the community through their service and leadership.
- Helped to address current issues in Colorado by using their expertise as a design professional.



Associate AIA Member of the Year

Recognizes the **individual** achievements of an Associate AIA member, who has demonstrated exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the architecture profession early in their career **but has not yet become licensed**, in one or more of the following:

Award Evaluation Criteria:

- A portfolio of work that exhibits creative and meaningful architecture that has positively impacted Colorado.
- Demonstrated community involvement that advances and increases awareness of the profession.
- Demonstrated a commitment to the profession through voluntary service and knowledge sharing.
- Is well-respected for the quality of their work by architects, designers, educators, and the public.

President's Award

Recognizes a community member in Colorado who has significantly contributed to the advancement of architecture from a vantage point outside of a firm or a traditional practice career. Honorees are selected by the AIA Colorado Board President.

Award Evaluation Criteria:

- Advanced the profession through their service and leadership.
- Helped to address current built environment issues in Colorado.
- Is known for the collaborative way they approach projects.
- Has been an integral part of initiatives that have positively impacted Colorado.
- Is well-respected for the quality of their work.

Legislator of the Year Award

Recognizes a Colorado state legislator who has positively impacted the architecture profession in Colorado. Honorees are selected by AIA Colorado staff in consultation with the Government Affairs Committee. All Colorado legislators who served during this year's legislative session are eligible.

Award Evaluation Criteria:

- Works with architects to make a difference in our community.
- Champions issues facing the architecture profession.
- Helped to address current built environment issues in Colorado.

Outstanding New Legislator Award

Recognizes a Colorado state legislator serving in their first term, who has positively impacted the architecture profession in Colorado. Honorees are selected by AIA Colorado staff in consultation



with the Government Affairs Committee. All Colorado legislators in their first term who served during this year's legislative session are eligible.

Award Evaluation Criteria:

- Works with architects to make a difference in our community.
- Champions issues facing the architecture profession.
- Helped to address current built environment issues in Colorado.

Twenty-Five Year Award

This award showcases buildings that set a precedent and stand the test of time. Recognizing a built structure that has catalyzed, reimaged, and advanced communities in Colorado, enhancing the public's appreciation and beneficial use of architecture. These honorees continue to set standards of design excellence and architectural significance. Eligible nominations must be: located in Colorado, built at least 25 years prior to the date of submittal, and still in active use.

Award Evaluation Criteria:

- Timeless and enduring design that has created a sense of place.
- Excellence in function, both in its original form and by today's standards.
- Exemplifies [Framework for Excellence](#) criteria.
- The building has inspired the built landscape of Colorado.
- Current condition – the building must not be fundamentally altered from its original intent.

Honor Awards: Team Awards

Firm of the Year

Recognizes the outstanding achievement of a firm that has produced notable architecture **for at least a decade**. Award-winning firms have set an example *both in design and leadership* in the state.

Award Evaluation Criteria:

- The firm has developed an outstanding portfolio as a product of the firm's collaborative environment.
- Through its work has made a significant impact on its community and/or the architecture profession.
- Demonstrates a commitment to training future architects.
- Exhibits a culture that embraces diversity.
- Is widely known for the quality of its work, ability to work with clients and collaboration as a team by architects, designers, educators, and the public.
- Is known for the application of innovative technologies and/or progressive methodologies.
- Has developed and works to achieve resilient and sustainable design goals.



Young Firm of the Year

Recognizes the outstanding achievement of a Colorado architecture firm that has been in business for **10 years or less**.

Award Evaluation Criteria:

- The firm has developed an outstanding portfolio as a product of the firm's collaborative environment.
- Through its work has made a significant impact on its community and/or the architecture profession.
- Demonstrates a commitment to training future architects.
- Exhibits a culture that embraces diversity.
- Is widely known for the quality of its work, ability to work with clients and collaboration as a team by architects, designers, educators, and the public.
- Is known for the application of innovative technologies and/or progressive methodologies.
- Has developed and works to achieve resilient and sustainable design goals.

Impact Award

Recognizes a group or organization in Colorado that has made a positive impact on Colorado communities and significantly contributed to the advancement of architecture and/or enhanced the role of practitioners. Honorees are selected by the AIA Colorado Board of Directors.

Award Evaluation Criteria:

- Advanced the profession through innovative solutions, programs, or processes.
- Helped to address current built environment issues in Colorado with thought leadership and subject matter expertise.
- Is known for the collaborative way they approach projects.
- Has been an integral part of initiatives that have positively impacted Colorado.
- Is well-respected for the quality of their work.



Who is eligible?

The AIA Colorado Honor Awards are intended to honor architects who contribute to positive change in our community, either through the built environment in the form of excellent and responsible design, by educating or training future architects, or by providing services as owner representatives or similar allied roles in public or private sectors.

For **individual awards**, nominees must be licensed architects in Colorado and members of AIA Colorado. Nominees do not have to be licensed architects to apply for or receive the **Associate Architect of the Year Award**, but they must be AIA Colorado members. Nominees for the **President's Award** do not need to be AIA Colorado members or licensed architects.

For **team awards**, eligible firms must have an office located in the state of Colorado and a principal, or principals, must be members of AIA Colorado. Nominees for the **Impact Award** do not need to be AIA Colorado members or licensed architects.

To be eligible, firms or individuals must abide by the AIA Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct. AIA Colorado also encourages everyone in the profession to be familiar with the Guides for Equitable Practice. See required disclaimers at the end of this packet.

Nominations may be completed on behalf of an individual or firm that meet these requirements. Nominations for the President Award, Impact Award, or Legislator Awards may not be completed by the potential honoree themselves.

Honor Awards Jury

The Honor Awards Jury will be comprised of AIA Colorado Leaders and past award winners.

PLEASE NOTE: Awards and Honors given to recipients on behalf of AIA Colorado are based upon the nominations and supporting material provided by the nominee or their professional peers.

AIA Colorado members are dedicated to high ethical and professional standards. Accordingly, recipients are expected to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner befitting their recognition as the best among us. AIA Colorado reserves the absolute right to elevate or disqualify any submission and may at any time rescind an award previously bestowed.



2023 AIA Colorado Honor Awards Submission Instructions

[Click here](#) to begin your submission – you will be required to create an account before you can access the submission form. There is no submission entry fee and nominees may apply with as many eligible applicants and in as many categories as they wish.

Then you will be asked to submit nominator and/or nominee information, followed by uploading the nomination packet.

Each nomination packet should be uploaded as **one PDF file**. Files must be named as follows, “LastName_FirstName_AwardName,” “FirmName_AwardName,” or “ProjectName_AwardName.”

Your PDF must be a maximum of 16 pages in length (the intern compensation form, photo release form and code of ethics form will not be included against the maximum number of pages but must be included in the file). There are no margin requirements (the pages may be full bleed), however they must be 8.5 x 11 aspect ratio and the text must be minimum 12-point font throughout.

Each submittal must adhere to all the requirements in their entirety, or the submittal will be disqualified.

See below the information required in each PDF packet.

The submittal requirements for the **Twenty-Five Year Award** are different than below. Please refer to **page 8** for those instructions.

Application packets will not be accepted/required for the President’s Award or Impact Award.

Information may be submitted on behalf of individuals in a 250–500-word nomination. Award recipients will be selected by the Honor Awards Jury.

ALL Submittals are due **by Friday, May 19, 2023, at 5pm.**

PDF packets should include the following information, which will be presented to the jury:

1. **Nominee Information Form:** The nominee information form is limited to one page and must answer the following questions:
 - a. Nominee Name
 - b. Name of Person Nominating (if different from nominee)
 - c. Nominee Firm
 - d. Nominee Address
 - e. Nominee Phone
 - f. Nominee Email

2. **Biographical Data and Statement of Contributions (2 pages max):** The biographical data and statement of contribution pages are a written listing of background and biographical information on the nominee. In addition, these pages should provide



information about the nominee's accomplishments, including significant contributions and outstanding service to the profession of architecture in the State of Colorado.

3. **Letters of Recommendation:** Nomination must include two letters of recommendation from individuals other than AIA Staff.
4. **Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (J.E.D.I.):** Describe how they incorporate J.E.D.I. in the practice's current and future plans.
 - a. Applicants for Team Awards and firm principals applying for Individual Awards: provide #1 and #2.
 - b. Applicants for Individual Awards, that are not firm principals provide #2.
 - i. Provide summaries of policies implemented and if those policies have already had measurable effects in firm culture. For example, the approach to staff diversity, compensation and pay equity, work/life balance, parental leave, benefits, support for emerging professionals, mentorship, continuing education, and encouraging community service/volunteering.
 - ii. Provide examples of how the work impacts J.E.D.I. in the community. For example, pro-bono work for disadvantaged communities; active participation in community outreach or mentoring programs; inclusion of community stakeholders in the design process. Firms also will be asked to provide demographic information. Collected demographic information will be confidential and used for statistical purposes only.
5. **A photo of the nominee (firm nominees should have a photo of its firm members)**
6. **Photos of nominee's work (with credit to the photographer where applicable)**
7. **Intern Compensation Disclaimer Form** See page 10 (Signed and included in PDF Packet)
8. **Code of Ethics, Professional Conduct and Equity Disclaimer** See Page 11 (Signed and included in PDF Packet)
9. **Photo Release Form** See page 12 (Signed and included in PDF Packet)

Images should be high resolution.

Contact Jon Bell at (303) 228-3913 or jon@aiacolorado.org with questions.



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Then you will be asked to submit nominator and/or nominee information, followed by uploading the nomination packet.

Each nomination packet should be uploaded as **one PDF file**. Files must be named as follows, “BuildingName_FirmName” or “BuildingName_NominatorName.”

Your PDF must be a maximum of 16 pages in length (including the intern compensation form and photo release form, which should be the last two pages of the file). There are no margin requirements (the pages may be full bleed), however they must be 8.5 x 11 aspect ratio and the text must be minimum 12-point font throughout.

Each submittal must adhere to all the requirements in their entirety, or the submittal will be disqualified.

Eligibility: Only structures located in Colorado that were built at least twenty-five years prior to the date of their submittal and are in active use today are eligible for nomination in this category.

Release Waiver: By submitting an entry, entrants take full responsibility for the accuracy of all information submitted and warrant that all necessary permissions have been obtained from others who may have rights to the work. Entrants further acknowledge that no royalty or compensation is due to anyone, and hold AIA Colorado, its sponsors, staff, consultants, and members harmless from all liability and grant to AIA Colorado the non-exclusive right to publish, reproduce and distribute copies of the original entry.

Publicity: All photography submitted for publicity purposes must be free of restrictions.

Submittal to Include:

1. **Title Page:** Name of building and photo of the building
2. **Nominee Information:** Building name, address, and contact information for nominee contact person (phone and email address).
3. **Statement regarding significance of the structure:** Must include a verification of age, the location of the structure and a written description of why this structure is of significance to Colorado. Information should be filled out in detail as this is the primary material the jury will use in the evaluation of the submittal. Maximum two pages.
4. **Graphics:** Photographs may be in color or in black & white. Drawings may be submitted as images. No more than 20 images may be submitted. You may place more than one image



per page; however, only 20 images total will be allowed. Please identify the photo or drawing on the actual image. Submissions must include both new photos, taken within the last five years, as well as historic photos.

5. **Other Information:** Submit additional or alternate information as appropriate to convey the impact of this work.
6. **Intern Compensation Disclaimer Form** See page 10 (Signed and included in PDF packet)
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Additional Requirement for all Submissions

Intern Compensation Disclaimer

The candidate individually does not utilize, employ, or otherwise engage labor that is unpaid, including working students, and neither does any firm of which the candidate is an owner or manager, in part or in whole. The candidate acknowledges this wording shall cover all persons working under their employment, regardless of position or title. Exceptions recognized by Federal law (such as legally defined internships or educational cooperative programs) are exempt from this Policy.

This candidate further acknowledges that they have not utilized any unpaid labor as defined above for a minimum of five (5) years prior to the application deadline for all Institute Honor Awards and a minimum of ten (10) years prior to the application deadline for all other Institute Honors, including the Honors Program, Membership Honors Awards, and Collaborative and Achievement Awards. The candidate personally acknowledges adherence to the terms of this Policy.

SIGNATURE

DATE

PRINT NAME



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Code of Ethics, Professional Conduct and Equity Disclaimer

All award applicants are expected to be familiar with and abide by the [AIA Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct](#). By signing this, you confirm that you have read the document and will uphold [the AIA diversity and inclusion statement](#), listed below. Furthermore, AIA Colorado encourages all members to read the [Guides for Equitable Practice](#) and establish policies that promote equity, diversity and inclusion.

Leadership in design and construction requires collaboration. Architects must encourage and celebrate the contributions of those who bring diverse experiences, views, and needs into the design process.

Supporting position statements:

1. Civil rights

The AIA Supports the promotion of human and civil rights, the universal respect for human dignity, and the unbiased treatment of all persons in employment, civic, and business transactions.

Embracing a culture of equity, all programs and initiatives of the AIA and its members shall reflect the society that we serve, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical abilities, or religious practices.

2. Diversity

The American Institute of Architects, as part of the global community, champions a culture of equity, diversity, and inclusion within the profession of architecture to create a better environment for all. Achieving this vision has a direct impact on the relevance of our profession and the world's prosperity, health, and future.

SIGNATURE

DATE

PRINT NAME



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Photo Release Form

Inclusion of photos implies the entrant has obtained permission from the photographer to reproduce these images for the promotion of the Honor Awards as described. Correct attribution is the sole responsibility of the submitter.

The entrant understands that the submission photos may be used, with proper credit, on AIA Colorado's website and/or in other AIA Colorado communications and marketing.

SIGNATURE

DATE

PRINT NAME