



AIA New York State 2026 Professional Award Guidelines

The Professional Awards honor excellence in practice and advocacy of design in NYS public architecture. Nominations can be made by any member of the public, and are **free of charge**.

Nomination Deadline: April 3, 2026

AIANYS Excelsior Awards Celebration: May 6, 2026

The AIA New York State Excelsior Award for Public Awareness of Architecture

This award recognizes public officials or individuals who have furthered the public's awareness or appreciation of design excellence in public architecture.

The AIA New York State Excelsior Award for Design Excellence By a Public Architect

This award recognizes licensed architects employed in the public sector in New York State whose work on projects within their jurisdiction has furthered the cause of design excellence in public architecture.

The AIA New York State Excelsior Award for a Private Sector Architect

This award recognizes an AIA member and practicing in the private sector who have made significant contributions to the quality of NYS Public Architecture and who have established a portfolio of accomplishments to that end.

Nomination Requirements:

- One (1) Nomination letter
- Nominee biography (500 word max) saved as a word document
- Letters of support (PDF or word doc) (five (5) max)
- Photo of nominee – color photo, high resolution (at least 150dpi), saved as a jpg or tiff
- Nomination form ([download here](#))

All nomination documents must be e-mailed via a file share service to Cara Longobardi, Director of Member Services, at clongobardi@aianys.org by **April 3, 2026**. If you do not receive confirmation of receipt, please contact our office to confirm.

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