AIA New York State

HONOR AWARDS

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FIRM AWARD

OVERVIEW

Established in 2005, the purpose of this Award is to recognize notable achievements in design, community service, education, and service to the profession and the AIA by an architectural firm within New York State.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominated firms must include an architect who is licensed and registered in New York State and is a member in good standing of AIA New York State.

CATEGORIES

Three firms will be recognized each year:

- One Small Firm | 1 - 25 employees
- One Medium Firm | 26 - 50 employees
- One Large Firm | 51+ employees

CRITERIA

Projects, accomplishments, and service submitted must reflect a period of at least 10 years in the following categories:

CULTURE | firm and employee culture

COMMUNITY | within the firm, within the AIA, within your larger community, providing examples of lasting positive impacts

CLARITY | clarity of purpose, mission/vision of the firm and examples of its application

COMMITMENT | to client satisfaction; to sustainability goals (internally and for clients); to demonstrating depth and breadth in your work; having a cumulative effect on the profession of architecture; and produced work that is a product of a collaborative environment, consistently addressing the future of architecture while honoring its tradition.

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FIRM AWARD, CONTINUED

OVERVIEW OF SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Five (5) Reference Letters

Submit supporting documentation in a single .PDF file - max 20 MB
not to exceed 20, 8-1/2" x 11" pages in the order listed:

- Nomination letter that summarizes the firm's contributions
- Biography of the firm including a 25-35 word summary statement, list of offices, positions, honors, publications, and presentations that relate to the purpose of the award (max of two pages)
- Statement of contributions that illustrates the following:
  (2-page limit; include all categories in the order given)

  CULTURE | firm and employee culture

  COMMUNITY | within the firm, within the AIA and within your larger community. Provide examples of lasting positive impacts

  CLARITY | of purpose, mission/vision of the firm and examples of its application

  COMMITMENT | to client satisfaction; to sustainability goals both internally and externally (clients, etc.); to demonstrating depth and breadth in your work; to having a cumulative effect on the profession of architecture; and to producing work that is a product of a collaborative environment, consistently addressing the future of architecture while honoring its tradition.
- Exhibits (maximum of 15 pages) with images, drawings, or visual materials that demonstrate the firm's accomplishments in culture, community, clarity and commitment that relate to the purpose of the award.

SUBMISSIONS

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Submit by January 6, 2027

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JAMES WILLIAM KIDENEY GOLD MEDAL AWARD

The James William Kideney Gold Medal Award was established in 1981 in honor of the late James William Kideney, FAIA, AIA Buffalo-Western New York Chapter. James was one of the founders of the New York State Association of Architects and its first President from 1938 - 1942.

OVERVIEW

Recognized as the highest award that AIA New York State can bestow on one of its members, the purpose of the James William Kideney Gold Medal Award is to recognize a lifetime of notable and impactful contributions by an architect to the profession, the professional society, and the community.

ELIGIBILITY

Candidate must presently be or has held a membership in good standing with AIA New York State for at least 10 years.

CRITERIA

An AIA New York State member in good standing who has:

- demonstrated a lifetime of sustained community leadership that has had a lasting impact and advanced the profession of architecture through making the community a better place to live and work.
- demonstrated an active interest and leadership role in the profession and professional society at the local, state, or national level.

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JAMES WILLIAM KIDENEY GOLD MEDAL AWARD
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OVERVIEW OF SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) reference letters are required.

Submit supporting documentation in a single .PDF file - max 20 MB
not to exceed 20, 8-1/2" x 11" pages in the order listed:

- Nomination letter from an AIANYS member in good standing that summarizes the breadth of the candidate's contributions. The letter must be one page on the nominator's letterhead and signed by the nominator (the nominator must be someone other than the candidate).
- Candidate's biography including a 35-50 word summary statement and a timeline of events and achievements that relate to the purpose of the award. Be specific about the candidate's role when listing projects, events, speaking engagements, etc. (max of two pages).
- Statement of contributions that illustrates the following (2-page limit):
  - A lifetime of sustained community leadership that has had a lasting impact and advanced the profession of architecture through making the community a better place to live and work.
  - An active interest and leadership role in the profession and professional society at the local, state, or national level.
- Exhibits (maximum of 15 pages) with images, drawings, or visual materials that demonstrate the candidate's accomplishments in culture, community, clarity and commitment that relate to the purpose of the award.

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MATTHEW W. DEL GAUDIO SERVICE AWARD

The Matthew W. DelGaudio Service Award was established in 1971 in honor of the late Matthew W. DelGaudio, FAIA, AIA New York Chapter, who was one of the founders of the New York State Association of Architects and its third President from 1944- 1947.

OVERVIEW

The purpose of the Matthew W. Del Gaudio Service Award recognizes sustained leadership, promotion and service to the profession of architecture.

ELIGIBILITY

Candidate must presently be or has held a membership in good standing with AIA New York State for at least five (5) years.

CRITERIA

An AIA New York State member in good standing who has:

- provided distinguished service to AIA New York State
- demonstrated notable competence advancing the profession of architecture.
- demonstrated an active, sustained interest and held leadership role(s) in AIA New York State or other related professional organizations.

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MATTHEW W. DEL GAUDIO SERVICE AWARD
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OVERVIEW OF SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) reference letters are required.

Submit supporting documentation in a single .PDF file - max 20 MB
not to exceed 20, 8-1/2" x 11" pages in the order listed:

- Nomination letter from an AIANYS member in good standing that summarizes the breadth of the candidate's contributions. The letter must be one page on the nominator's letterhead and signed by the nominator (the nominator must be someone other than the candidate).
- Candidate's biography including a 35-50 word summary statement and a timeline of events and achievements that relate to the purpose of the award. Be specific about the candidate's role when listing projects, events, speaking engagements, etc. (max of two pages).
- Statement of contributions that illustrates the following:
  (2-page limit)
  - A lifetime of sustained community leadership that has had a lasting impact and advanced the profession of architecture through making the community a better place to live and work.
  - An active interest and leadership role in the profession and professional society at the local, state, or national level.
- Exhibits (maximum of 15 pages) with images, drawings, or visual materials that demonstrate the candidate's accomplishments in culture, community, clarity and commitment that relate to the purpose of the award.

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PRESIDENT'S AWARD

OVERVIEW

Established in 1984, the purpose of the President's Award is to recognize outstanding contributions to the profession in education, industry or government by an AIANYS member.

ELIGIBILITY

A current AIA New York State member who has been a member in good standing within the last five (5) years.

CRITERIA

An AIA New York State member in good standing who through outstanding efforts of professional competence in nontraditional areas of architectural practice, has:

- demonstrated lasting influence and raised the standards of professional performance and increased the recognition of professional competence by others; and
- demonstrated an active interest and leadership role in the professional society at the local, state, or national level.

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ASSOCIATE AWARD

OVERVIEW

Established in 2005, the purpose of the Associates Award is to recognize notable contributions and accomplishments by an associate member of AIA New York State.

ELIGIBILITY

A current AIA New York State Associate member who has been a member in good standing within the last five (5) years.

CRITERIA

An AIA New York State Associate member in good standing who has:

- notable contributions and accomplishments within the profession and for AIA New York State

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STUDENT AWARD

OVERVIEW

Established in 2005, the purpose of the Student Award is to recognize notable contributions and accomplishments by a student member of The American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) within New York State.

ELIGIBILITY

An AIAS member within New York State

CRITERIA

An AIAS member within New York State who has:

- notable contributions and accomplishments within the profession and for AIA New York State

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LOCAL CHAPTER EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE AWARD

OVERVIEW

This award is conferred by AIA New York State on chapter committees that have helped achieve the mission of their respective chapter and development of emerging professionals through leadership development, design and community service.

ELIGIBILITY

An AIA New York State local chapter committee.

CRITERIA

An AIA New York State local chapter committee who has:

- achieved the mission of their chapter; and
- developed emerging professionals through leadership development, design and community service

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YOUNG ARCHITECT AWARD

OVERVIEW

The Young Architect Award is to recognize notable contributions and accomplishments within the architecture profession by an architect member in New York State who has also demonstrated exceptional leadership.

ELIGIBILITY

A current AIA New York State member who has been a member in good standing within the last five (5) years and has been licensed less than 10 years.

CRITERIA

An current AIA New York State member in good standing, licensed less than 10 years who has:

- notable contributions and accomplishments within the architecture profession
- demonstrated exceptional leadership

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FREDERIC SCHWARTZ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Renamed the Frederic Schwartz Community Development Award in 2014, Schwartz founded his own firm, taught architectural design at Harvard, Yale, Penn, Columbia and Princeton, lectured extensively and authored three books. A well known" activist and humanist," his architectural career has been dedicated to some of America's most visible waterfront projects.

OVERVIEW

Established in 1985, the purpose of the Community Development Award is to recognize and acknowledge projects and individuals who have had a substantial impact on the built environment within the various localities of New York State or on the State as a whole. This Award, in the form of a citation, may be made to any individual, community or civic organization, governmental agency, or private corporation whose efforts have resulted in a significant and positive improvement to the built environment.

ELIGIBILITY

An individual, community or civic organization, governmental agency, or private corporation located within New York State.

CRITERIA

An individual, community or civic organization, governmental agency, or private corporation located within New York State who has had:

- a substantial impact on the built environment within the various localities of New York State or on the State as a whole; and
- results leading to significant and positive improvement to the built environment

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FELLOW'S AWARD

OVERVIEW

Established in 2006, the purpose of this award is to recognize a Fellow of the AIA who has exemplified the philosophy of Mentorship within the profession. This individual either personally, or through his or her firm has exceeded in helping a young architect (as defined by AIA), student or an unlicensed individual to gain a greater knowledge of the profession and has assisted them in achieving more than they would have normally within the profession without this guidance.

ELIGIBILITY

A current AIA New York State Fellow who has been a member in good standing within the last five (5) years.

CRITERIA

A current AIA New York State Fellow who has been a member in good standing within the last five (5) years who has:

- exemplified the philosophy of Mentorship within the profession;
- either personally, or through their firm, exceeded in helping a young architect (as defined by AIA), student or an unlicensed individual to gain a greater knowledge of the profession; and
- assisted them in achieving more than they would have normally within the profession without this guidance.

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HONORARY MEMBER

OVERVIEW

Established in 1989, the purpose of Honorary Membership of AIANYS is to recognize outstanding and significant accomplishments of a person outside the profession of architecture. Honorary Membership of AIA New York State shall be conferred on a person of esteemed character who is not eligible for regular or associate membership, but who has rendered distinguished service to the profession of architecture or the arts and science allied therein.

ELIGIBILITY

An individual located within New York State who is not eligible for a regular membership, as defined by the guidelines, with AIA New York State.

CRITERIA

An individual located within New York State who is not eligible for a regular membership, as defined by the guidelines, with AIA New York State who has:

- outstanding and significant accomplishments outside the profession of architecture;
- esteemed character who is not eligible for regular or associate membership; and
- rendered distinguished service to the profession of architecture or the arts and science allied therein.

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EDUCATOR AWARD

OVERVIEW

Established in 2005, the purpose of the Educator Award is to recognize notable contributions and accomplishments by an architectural educator (does not have to be an AIA member) within New York State.

ELIGIBILITY

An adjunct or full-time architectural educator faculty member of an architecture program within New York State.

CRITERIA

An adjunct or full-time architectural educator faculty member of an architecture program within New York State who has:

- notable contributions and accomplishments in association with the profession of architecture

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