2017 DESIGN AWARDS

Shaping Our Communities Through Design Excellence

AIA Honolulu

Welcome to the 2017 AIA Honolulu Design Awards

Since 1958, the AIA Honolulu Annual Design Awards Program has provided an avenue for AIA Honolulu member architects to be recognized by their peers for their outstanding achievements and dedication to excellence in architectural design.

Extending beyond these exemplary individual recognitions, our prestigious program aims to:
1) Establish a standard of excellence against which all architects can measure performance
2) Elevate the general quality of architectural practice in Hawaii
3) Expand public expectation for design excellence and its breadth/impact on improving our daily lives

Eligibility
- Licensed Architect members of this Chapter may enter all project categories.
- Associate AIA members of this Chapter may submit in the unbuilt category only.
- There is no time limit from when project was completed to when it may be submitted for an award.
- There is no limit to the number of submissions by the same architect or firm.
- Firms whose employees are members of the jury are not eligible for submission in that year.

The following re-entry rules apply to previously submitted projects:
- Those projects that did not receive any award in a prior year may be resubmitted.
- Previously awarded projects which have undergone substantial renovation may be resubmitted.
- Previously awarded unbuilt projects are eligible for re-submittal upon completion.
- Projects which received past recognition in a non-juried category (such as past Members' Choice or People's Choice winner) may be submitted in subsequent years for consideration of a juried award.
- All other previously awarded juried projects are not eligible for resubmittal.

Submission Fee
New Low Fee! $275 per entry (no refund requests after Friday, June 9).

Deadlines
4/24 – Online registration and submission opens
6/09 – Deadline for refunds to be processed for withdrawals
6/16 – Submissions must be fully completed/submitted/paid
9/16 – Design Awards Gala, Saturday, September 16 at the iconic IBM Building.
    Winners to be announced to the public.

Project Categories
Each entry shall be submitted, and may receive an award, in one of the following categories.
1. Residential
2. Commercial/Industrial
3. Institutional
4. Interior Architecture
5. Unbuilt
The number of projects awarded in each category and the level of award shall be determined by the jury.

Award Levels

Award of Excellence: Requires unanimous vote of the jury that a project excels in all aspects. Reserved for those projects which stand out from all of the meritorious award winners. This highest honor recognizes projects which are deemed to exemplify excellence of architectural design on all levels of analysis, and exemplify the highest standards to which AIA members aspire.

Award of Merit: Requires consensus from the jury that a project is deserving for a high quality of work overall. Granted to projects which display a high standard of architectural quality and design.

Honorable Mention: Responds to notable achievements in one or more particular project aspects; area(s) that stood out, as agreed through consensus by the jury.

Judging Criteria

Each entry will be judged for the success with which the project has met its individual requirements. Entries will be evaluated individually, not in competition with others. The jury uses anonymous written and visual material submitted for their analysis. There will be no site visits so it is imperative that the information describe the project as clearly and accurately as possible. Jury considerations include design quality, functional utility, economy, environmental harmony, sustainability, accessibility, aesthetic delight, creativity, craftsmanship and innovation.

In addition, attention will be paid to:
- Building Character: Integration of materials in a cost effective manner; ease of use to best serve the client; ability to draw people in to explore, experience and feel welcome
- Overall integration of the project at the urban scale; how the project relates to the community and its users
- How the project design and functionality serve the client as facilitated by its attention to details
- Attention to energy/water conservation and applicable environmentally friendly materials and design methods
- Life cycle cost and maintainability
- Additional criteria may be established by the jury at the time of their review

Project authorship will remain concealed throughout the deliberations of the jury. If the authorship is revealed on any of the images, plans, captions or narratives the entry will be disqualified.

2017 Jury

Juror selection is based upon the locating impartial individuals who represent high levels of achievement, design quality and professional integrity. Every attempt is made to create a balanced panel that will provide fair judgment to all entries.

In 2017, the AIA Honolulu Design Awards jury will consist of five individuals, four of whom will be members of an AIA chapter outside of Hawaii. One juror will be a member of AIA Honolulu and travel to the chapter where the others jurors are located in order to participate in the judging and ensure that the uniqueness of Hawaii Architecture is recognized and appreciated by the non-local jury.

Members of the design awards committee whose firms have submitted in that year may not be present and/or may not participate during any aspect of jury deliberations.

Submission Requirements

Submissions must clearly demonstrate process and accomplishment through a combination of text, diagrams, drawings, photographs and other graphic materials to address the judging criteria noted below.

Submission Process/Task List

1. Project Facts:
Fill out online form to answer specific questions about this project. Note: form fields that reference firm and individual names will not be visible to the jury during the review process.

2. Project Narrative: (DO NOT IDENTIFY the architect, designer or firm in any way)
   • Provide a written description of the project's scope and history.
   • Describe programming requirements in a narrative or list format.
   • Explain the design concept and highlight important features of the design, including what makes this project special. Place emphasis on the elements of design achievement as defined in Judging Criteria. For renovations and restoration projects, be sure to provide the jury with sufficient information to differentiate between the original architect's work and the newly altered, preserved or restored work.

3. Supporting Images/Diagrams/Graphics:
Supporting images must be uploaded via a single file in PDF format . These pages are meant to graphically represent the project to the jury.

Renovations and additions should consider graphics and other images to distinguish between the initial circumstance and the final product and highlight reuse or adaptation of the site or building.

   • Maximum pages allowed is 12 and total file size cannot exceed 15 MB.
   • Page orientation & size: Landscape, 11x17.
   • Pages may include diagrams, photographs, site plans, sections, elevations or other illustrative drawings.
   • The total word count per page should not exceed 75.
   • Anonymity is a MUST: firm and personal names are not to be visible on any pages.
   • PDF File naming format: Project Name.pdf (no firm names in title)

4. Publicity Images (4 in JPG):
These separate images are to be submitted as part of the full online submittal. Separate uploads of 4 photos are needed. These images should showcase the project for publicity purposes. These images may not include any text.
Requirements: Print-quality (300 dpi) image of approximately 2400 x 4000 pixels in JPG.

Popular Choice Awards
Additional non-juried awards may be recognized in any program year to include: People's Choice, Mayor's Choice, and the Hawaii Home and Remodeling Editor's Choice Award for Residential Architecture. These awards receive recognition as "popular choice" awards. There are no additional submission requirements.

Registration Procedure
Each project must be individually submitted online. Payment processing is done on a per entry basis. You will receive a unique login as a user and have the ability to enter multiple submissions within that account. You can go back and review and edit your submission(s) until the deadline. After Friday, June 16, Midnight (HST), no changes can be made to any submissions.

A $100 administrative fee will be charged to all withdrawn projects, where AIA has been notified in advance of the request to withdraw. After Friday, June 9, 2017 no refund requests from entrants will be considered. There will be no refunds for submissions that are LATE, INCOMPLETE, or disqualified per the deadlines/guidelines of this awards program.