



# AIA Pennsylvania

## 2017 SPECIAL AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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AIA Pennsylvania is accepting nominations for its 2017 Special Awards. These awards recognize significant achievements by AIA Pennsylvania members, non-members, civic and government leaders, allied professions, and member firms who contribute to a better and more sustainable built environment and the advancement of the profession of architecture.

### Eligibility

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Nominations are open to any individual, group or firm that meets the general qualifications of the award categories outlined below.

All nominations must be submitted by **August 15, 2017**. The nominations will be voted by the Pennsylvania Board of Directors.

### Nomination Guidelines

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All submissions to the 2017 AIA Pennsylvania Special Awards Program must be received from an AIA Pennsylvania member by **August 15, 2017**. Nominations will only be accepted through the [online submittal service](#) or through and AIA Pennsylvania Board Member nomination.

Each individual nomination submitted requires a separate online registration. All data fields of the online registration form must be completed. **Nominations must be made in the form of a 200–400 word essay describing the nominee and why the award is merited. The essay must be submitted as a digital binder in PDF format.**

**New for 2017!** Project entries should include a narrative summary **mp4 audio or video file** no more than one minute long. This **mp4** will be uploaded via the online submittal service and will serve as an introduction to your nomination.

Awards will be given at the discretion of the AIA Pennsylvania Board of Directors.

### Schedule and Deadlines

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**Monday, August 15, 2017:** Submission deadline for all nominations.

## Special Award Categories

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**Student Awards:** The Student Award recognizes the exceptional scholastic achievement and future promise of a student graduating at the end of the current academic year. One student will be chosen by the faculty of each of Pennsylvania's accredited architectural schools to be honored. The student should have proven to be proficient in both academics and design, and ready to take on the challenges and responsibilities of the work environment in an architecture firm.

**Associate Award:** This award recognizes exceptional contributions to the profession by an AIA Pennsylvania Associate member who graduated in the last ten (10) years. The award will be given to an Associate who has demonstrated both professional and civic leadership.

Selection Committee: AIA Pennsylvania Board of Directors

**Emerging Professional Award:** This award seeks to recognize the exceptional achievements and future promise of a licensed architect and to promote their continuing development. The applicant's contribution to the profession can be through one or more of the following: design excellence, leadership in practice, leadership in education, or service to the profession or society. The award is open to registered architect members of AIA Pennsylvania in their first ten (10) years of licensure as of the date of the application.

Selection Committee: AIA Pennsylvania Board of Directors & Emerging Professionals Committee

**Allied Trades Award:** This award will be given for contribution to the built environment by a contractor, developer, civil engineer, or other allied professional. It is to honor those professionals who bring our work into reality and who uphold the tenets of design, sustainability and collaboration.

Selection Committee: AIA Pennsylvania Board of Directors

**Contribution to the Profession by a Non-Architect:** This award honors individuals, corporations, associations or other groups who do not practice architecture. Recipients will be cited for their direct contributions to the profession such as a building program, a public works project, publications, theoretical or applied research in zoning, urban design, interiors, planning, energy conservation, preservation, restoration transportation, industrial design, artistic endeavors, or other significant disciplines which have had a strong influence on the field of architecture.

Selection Committee: AIA Pennsylvania Board of Directors

**Architectural Firm Award:** This award will be given to any firm or successor firms, whether an individual or an organization of architects, in which the continuing collaboration among individuals of the firm has been the principle force in consistently producing distinguished architecture for a period of at least ten (10) years. Nominations may be made by the AIA Pennsylvania Board, an AIA Pennsylvania local chapter, or a group of ten (10) AIA Pennsylvania members. While serving on the AIA Pennsylvania Board of Directors, board members and their firms are ineligible to be nominated for this award.

Selection Committee: AIA Pennsylvania Board of Directors

**Government Award:** This award is given in recognition of significant contributions to, or particular support of, the profession and business of architecture and/or the built environment. Anyone working in state or local government, such as a legislator, state or township official, etc., is eligible for this award as an individual or as a specified group

Selection Committee: AIA Pennsylvania Board of Directors & Government Affairs Committee

**Medal of Distinction:** This shall be the highest award bestowed upon a living AIA Pennsylvania member. The recipient shall have made contributions to architecture that transcend local boundaries and have been of benefit to the profession and citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Nominations may be made by the AIA Pennsylvania Board, an AIA Pennsylvania local chapter, or by a group of ten (10) AIA Pennsylvania members.

Selection Committee: AIA Pennsylvania Board of Directors

**50 Year / Timeless:** This award shall recognize a building that has endured the test of time and still resonates with the design community and the public. The building must be in Pennsylvania and the parent firm must have been a Pennsylvania firm at the time of construction.

Selection Committee: AIA Pennsylvania Board of Directors

**Impact Designer:** Impact Designers (individuals, firms or organizations) span a wide range of design disciplines but are tied together by a common goal to design and create a better world through innovative, scalable and measurable solutions. Impact design is rooted in the core belief that design can be used to create positive social, environmental and economic change, and focuses on actively measuring impact to inform and direct the design process.

Selection Committee: AIA Pennsylvania Board of Directors