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AIA Iowa Excellence in Design Awards

Purpose	Recognizes excellence in architecture projects which are designed by members of AIA Iowa and emphasizes its importance in the community.
Frequency	Entries are solicited annually.
Eligibility	Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completed architectural projects where over 50% of the design is attributed to an AIA Iowa architect or member firm. Design means the Iowa firm is the primary author of the concepts and features unique to the design, including aesthetics.• Project must have been completed within the last five (5) years.• Projects need not be located in Iowa.• An individual or firm may submit an unlimited number of entries.• No project that has previously been honored by AIA Iowa may be entered.
Submission Date	Forms/Fees – Mid August Entries – Beginning of September (Dates can be adjusted based on the convention schedule)
Recognition Date	Annual Fall Convention – AIA Iowa Design Awards Celebration
Jury	Respected professionals from the architectural community, outside the state of Iowa. The jury chair is selected, and they assemble a jury. Head Shots: 300dpi, 900 pixels tall minimum. [Typically, this jury also judges the 25 Year Honor Award & Excellence in Craft Award]
Jury Location	Travels year to year.
Jury Facilitator	One AIA Iowa Awards Committee member assists with setting up the slideshow for the jury and is available via phone / internet to answer any questions during the jury deliberation.
Number of Awards	The number of awards will be approximately 10% of the entries, with the exact number of awards determined by the jury.
Award Certificates	Two certificates will be printed per winning entry. Additional certificates may be requested for a nominal fee.
Entry Fee	\$100 each entry.

Submission Info

All submissions will be submitted through IowaArchitecture.org digitally. The following information will be captured through the online form:

- General Info: Public Project Title, Public Project Description, Project Completion Date, Project Cost
- Physical Info: Address, Square Feet, Project Type, Building Type
- Secondary Firm: Name, Phone Number, Address
- People Involved: Contractor, Engineer, Photographer, etc.
- Image Upload Requirements: Size- 1500 px X 800 px at 300 dpi.
- File types: JPG, GIF, PNG
- Jury Data: Title, Description, Client Name, CIN Number
- Releases: Architect, Copyright
- Presentations: Awards Presentation (3 photos, one auto generated title slide)
- Jury Presentation (14 photos, one auto generated title slide)

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AIA Iowa 25 Year Honor Award

Purpose	Recognizes longstanding excellence in architecture and emphasizes its importance in the community.
Frequency	Entries are solicited annually.
Eligibility	<p>Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Entries must be a completed building project in Iowa, a single building or groups of buildings, completed at least 25 but not more than 40 years ago.• The building must be standing in substantially completed form and in good condition; it should still carry out the basic original program.• It must have excellence in function in the distinguished execution of its original program and in the creative aspects of its statement by today's standards.• Restorations, rehabs, and interior design projects are excluded from consideration.• Significant additions to buildings will be considered.• Buildings submitted for consideration do not have to be designed by an Iowa firm; however, the building must be located in Iowa.• Entries must be nominated or submitted by a current AIA Iowa member. For consideration, the project does not need to be nominated by the firm of record.• Projects will be evaluated based on the images and written description only. The jury will not be able to visit the buildings.
Submission Date	Forms – Mid August Entries – End of August (Dates can be adjusted based on the convention schedule)
Recognition Date	Annual Fall Convention – AIA Iowa Design Awards Celebration
Jury	Respected professionals from the architectural community, outside the state of Iowa. The jury chair is selected, and they assemble a jury. (Head Shots: 300dpi, 900 pixels tall minimum) [Typically, this jury also judges the Excellence in Design Award & 25 Year Honor Award]
Jury Location	Travels year to year.

Jury Facilitator	One AIA Iowa Awards Committee member assists with setting up the slideshow for the jury and is available via phone / internet to answer any questions during the jury deliberation.
Number of Awards	One building awarded per year, if merited.
Award Certificates	Two certificates will be printed per winning entry. Additional certificates may be requested for a nominal fee.
Entry Fee	No fee.
Submission Info	<p>All submissions will be submitted through IowaArchitecture.org digitally. The following information will be captured through the online form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Info: Public Project Title, Public Project Description, Project Completion Date, Project Cost • Physical Info: Address, Square Feet, Project Type, Building Type • Secondary Firm: Name, Phone Number, Address • People Involved: Contractor, Engineer, Photographer, etc. • Image Upload Requirements: Size- 1500 px X 800 px at 300 dpi. • File types: JPG, GIF, PNG • Jury Data: Title, Description, Client Name, CIN Number • Releases: Architect, Copyright • Presentations: Awards Presentation (3 photos, one auto generated title slide) • Jury Presentation (14 photos, one auto generated title slide)

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AIA Iowa Impact Award

Purpose	Recognizes team members including architects, designers, and other collaborators for an architectural project specifically designed to directly benefit social, humanitarian, community or environmental causes.
Frequency	Entries are solicited annually
Eligibility	<p>Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completed architectural projects attributed to or associated with an AIA Iowa member;• Need not be located in Iowa or intended for use in Iowa;• An AIA Iowa individual member or firm member may submit an unlimited number of entries;• Recognizable, positive impact on the intended community;• Submitter must provide clearly-stated and thorough documentation of implementations and resulting impact. Provide reliable metrics to indicate quantifiable impacts. Data of a sensitive nature (e.g. specific dollar amounts) may be omitted;• Awarded in one of two categories:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Professionals, built○ Students, built or unbuilt;• Project must have been completed within the last five (5) years.
Submission Date	Forms/Fees – Mid February Entries – Mid March (Dates can be adjusted based on the conference schedule)
Recognition Date	Spring Conference
Jury	Respected professionals from the architectural community, outside the state of Iowa. The jury chair is selected, and they assemble a jury. (Head Shots: 300dpi, 900 pixels tall minimum)
Jury Location	Travels year to year.
Jury Facilitator	One AIA Iowa Awards Committee member assists with setting up the slideshow for the jury and is available via phone / internet to answer any questions during the jury deliberation.
Number of Awards	As merited in either professionals or student categories.

Award Certificates	Two certificates will be printed per winning entry. Additional certificates may be requested for a nominal fee.
Entry Fee	\$100 each entry. Free AIA Iowa Student Affiliates.
Submission Info	<p>All submissions will be submitted through IowaArchitecture.org digitally. The following information will be captured through the online form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Info: Public Project Title, Public Project Description, Project Completion Date, Project Cost • Physical Info: Address, Square Feet, Project Type, Building Type • Secondary Firm: Name, Phone Number, Address • People Involved: Contractor, Engineer, Photographer, etc. • Image Upload Requirements: Size- 1500 px X 800 px at 300 dpi. • File types: JPG, GIF, PNG • Jury Data: Title, Description, Client Name, CIN Number • Releases: Architect, Copyright • Presentations: Awards Presentation (3 photos, one auto generated title slide) • Jury Presentation (14 photos, one auto generated title slide)

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AIA Iowa Excellence in Craft Award

Purpose	Recognizes Iowa craftspeople and / or companies who demonstrate particular skill and inventiveness in the execution and incorporation of their craft into our built environment.
Frequency	Entries solicited annually.
Eligibility	Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Entries shall be elements or objects from projects of all scales.• Constructed by Iowa craftspeople and / or companies from projects by AIA Iowa Member Firm or Allied Member.• Project must have been completed within the last five (5) years.• Projects need not be located in Iowa.• Any project that has previously received an Excellence in Craft Award by AIA Iowa may not be entered.• An individual or firm may submit an unlimited number of entries.
Submission Date	Forms/Fees – Mid August Entries – Mid September (Dates can be adjusted based on the convention schedule)
Recognition Date	Annual Fall Convention – AIA Iowa Design Awards Celebration
Jury	Respected professionals from the architectural community, outside the state of Iowa. The jury chair is selected, and they assemble a jury. Head Shots: 300dpi, 900 pixels tall minimum [Typically, this jury also judges the 25 Year Honor Award & Excellence in Design Awards]
Jury Location	Travels year to year.
Jury Facilitator	One AIA Iowa Awards Committee member assists with setting up the slideshow for the jury and is available via phone / internet to answer any questions during the jury deliberation.
Number of Awards	As merited.
Award Certificates	Two certificates will be printed per winning entry. Additional certificates may be requested for a nominal fee.
Entry Fee	\$100 each entry.

Submission Info

All submissions will be submitted through IowaArchitecture.org digitally. The following information will be captured through the online form:

- General Info: Public Project Title, Public Project Description, Project Completion Date, Project Cost
- Physical Info: Address, Square Feet, Project Type, Building Type
- Secondary Firm: Name, Phone Number, Address
- People Involved: Contractor, Engineer, Photographer, etc.
- Image Upload Requirements: Size- 1500 px X 800 px at 300 dpi.
- File types: JPG, GIF, PNG
- Jury Data: Title, Description, Client Name, CIN Number
- Releases: Architect, Copyright
- Presentations: Awards Presentation (3 photos, one auto generated title slide)
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AIA Iowa Honorary Member Award

Purpose	Recognizes a person of esteemed character who is otherwise ineligible for membership in the Institute or the Chapter but who has rendered distinguished service to the profession of Architecture, or to the arts and sciences allied therewith within the domain of the Chapter.
Frequency	Solicited annually.
Eligibility	Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not eligible for membership in the Institute or this Chapter.• Must be nominated.• Nomination must be sponsored by an AIA Iowa Board Member.• Prior nominations will not affect eligibility.
Submission Date	June (prior to July AIA Iowa Board of Directors meeting)
Recognition Date	Annual Fall Convention – AIA Iowa Design Awards Celebration
Jury	Reviewed and awarded by the AIA Iowa Board of Directors
Jury Location	To be determined by AIA Iowa Board President.
Jury Facilitator	One AIA Iowa Awards Committee member assists with distributing entries to the jury and is available to answer any questions during the jury deliberation.
Number of Awards	As merited.
Awards Certificates	One certificate per winning person. Additional certificates may be purchased for nominal fee.
Entry Fee	None
Submission Media	Submitted electronically as a single PDF, maximum file size 10MB <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nomination by five (5) Institute members (sponsors) belonging to the Chapter, not more than three (3) of whom may be from one firm.• Nomination letter sponsored by a member of the Chapter Board in writing signed by the nominator that includes the names of the sponsors and of the nominee.• A one-page biography of the nominee.

- A one-page summary of the nominee's history of attainments.
- A one-page summary on the nominee's qualifications for the honor.
- A one-page summary on the reasons for the nomination.
- Photograph.

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AIA Iowa Educator Award

Purpose	Recognizes a person of esteemed character who has rendered distinguished service to the profession of architecture or to the arts and science within the territory of AIA Iowa.
Frequency	Solicited annually.
Eligibility	<p>Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be nominated by an AIA Iowa member, faculty member, current student, or former student• Must have made a significant contribution to architectural education in Iowa.• Must be living at the time of nomination• The candidate shall have had a cumulative effect on a long line and/or wide range of students.• The candidate shall be a person whose activities have consistently directed him/her and students toward the future.• The candidate shall have evidenced the ability to make connections between his/her particular areas of expertise and other areas as appropriate.• The candidate shall be known by the quality of his or her products.• Prior nominations will not affect eligibility.
Submission Date	Beginning of August. (Dates can be adjusted based on the convention schedule)
Recognition Date	Annual Fall Convention – AIA Iowa Design Awards Celebration
Jury	Respected professionals from the architectural community, outside the state of Iowa. The jury chair is selected, and they assemble a jury. Either jury chair or member of the jury shall be in the academic field. [The jury also judges the AIA Iowa Young Architect Award] (juror headshots required: 300dpi, 900 pixels tall minimum)
Jury Location	Travels year to year.
Jury Facilitator	One AIA Iowa Awards Committee member assists with setting up the slideshow for the jury and is available via phone / internet to answer questions during the jury deliberation.
Number of Awards	As merited. Up to 1 per year.

Awards Certificates	One certificate per winning person. Additional certificates may be purchased for nominal fee.
Entry Fee	None
Submission Media	Submitted electronically as a single PDF, maximum file size 10MB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nomination letter from sponsor. • A one-page biography of the nominee. • A one-page statement of the nominee’s professional contributions. • Other supporting materials, not to exceed five (5) pages (media coverage, articles, work examples, etc.). • A minimum of three (3) and not to exceed five (5) letters of reference by those who know the quality of the nominee’s work; letters should be explicit in their recommendation and contain specific reasons for support. • Photograph.

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AIA Iowa Medal of Honor

Purpose	The Medal of honor Award is to be considered the highest honor AIA Iowa can bestow on its members. It shall be awarded to those who have dedicated a significant portion of their career in service to the profession of architecture and played a role in shaping the profession as well as the Chapter.
Frequency	Solicited annually.
Eligibility	Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AIA Iowa Member.• Must be nominated.• Nominations should recognize a significant portion (20 year minimum) of exemplary practice.• Nominee must demonstrate significant contribution in at least 2 of 3 aspects of the profession including Design Accomplishments, Impact on the Profession, and Community Leadership• Nominee shall be widely known and respected by those who practice architecture, by those who teach architecture, and by those who perhaps do neither.• Prior nominations will not affect eligibility.
Submission Date	June (prior to July AIA Iowa Board of Directors meeting)
Recognition Date	Annual Fall Convention – AIA Iowa Design Awards Celebration.
Jury	Reviewed and awarded by the AIA Iowa Board of Directors.
Jury Location	To be determined by AIA Iowa Board President.
Jury Facilitator	One AIA Iowa Awards Committee member assists with distributing entries to the jury and is available to answer any questions during the jury deliberation.
Number of Awards	As merited. Up to 1 per year.
Awards Certificates	One certificate per winning person. Additional certificates may be purchased for nominal fee.
Entry Fee	None
Submission Media	Submitted electronically as a single PDF, maximum file size 10MB

- Nomination letter from sponsor.
- A one-page biography of the nominee.
- A one-page summary of the nominee's design accomplishments, design accolades, awards, and honors.
- A one-page statement describing the nominee's lasting impact on the future of the architectural profession and professional society.
- A one-page statement demonstrating how the nominee has advanced the profession of architecture through community leadership thus making the community a better place to live.
- A minimum of three (3) and not to exceed five (5) total letters of reference by those who know the quality of the nominee's work, one (1) letter from an AIA Fellow and one (1) letter by a Past AIA Iowa Medal of Honor recipient; letter authors should be explicit in their recommendation and contain specific reasons for support.
- Other supporting materials, not to exceed five (5) pages (media coverage, articles, work examples, etc.)
- Photograph

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AIA Iowa Young Architect Award

Purpose	Recognizes an individual who have shown exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the profession in the areas of design, education, and / or service in an early stage of their architectural career.
Frequency	Solicited annually.
Eligibility	Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AIA Iowa member.• Licensed less than 10 years.• Must be nominated by an AIA Iowa member.• Prior nominations will not affect eligibility.
Submission Date	Beginning of August (Dates can be adjusted based on the convention schedule)
Recognition Date	Annual Fall Convention – AIA Iowa Design Awards Celebration.
Jury	Respected professionals from the architectural community, outside the state of Iowa. The jury chair is selected, and they assemble a jury. Either jury chair or member of the jury shall be in the academic field. [The jury also judges the AIA Iowa Educator Award] (juror headshots required: 300dpi, 900 pixels tall minimum)
Jury Location	Travels year to year.
Jury Facilitator	One AIA Iowa Awards Committee member assists with distributing entries to the jury and is available to answer any questions during the jury deliberation.
Number of Awards	As merited. Up to 1 per year.
Awards Certificates	One certificate per winning person. Additional certificates may be purchased for nominal fee.
Entry Fee	None
Submission Media	Submitted electronically as a single PDF, maximum file size 10MB. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nomination letter from sponsor.• A one-page biography of the nominee.• A one-page statement of the nominee’s professional contributions.

- Other supporting materials, not to exceed five (5) pages (media coverage, articles, work examples, etc.)
- A minimum of three (3) and not to exceed five (5) letters of reference by those who know the quality of the nominee's work; letters should be explicit in their recommendation and contain specific reasons for support.
- Photograph.

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AIA Central States Region Excellence in Design Awards

Purpose	Recognizes outstanding architecture projects in the AIA Central States Region (CSR), designed by AIA CSR members.
Frequency	Presented annually by the host chapter. AIA Iowa presents every 5 years.
Eligibility	<p>Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any architectural project designed by an AIA Central States Region Member, located anywhere in the world; or any architectural project designed by an AIA Member located in the AIA Central States Region.• Project must have been completed within the last five (5) years. (i.e. for 2020 awards program, only projects completed after January 1, 2015 are eligible.)• Only Architects in good standing with the American Institute of Architects may submit entries.• Projects may be submitted under one of four award categories:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Architecture• Interior Architecture• Historic Preservation or Adaptive Reuse• Unbuilt• An individual or firm may submit an unlimited number of entries.• Projects previously honored in the AIA Central States Region Design Awards program are not eligible for submission in the same category.• In the case of collaborative projects, primary design authorship shall be attributed to one firm and signatures are required by all collaborating firms.
Submission Date	Forms/Fees – Mid August Entries – Mid September (Dates can be adjusted based on the convention schedule)
Recognition Date	Fall Convention – AIA CSR / AIA Iowa Design Awards Celebration
Jury	Respected professionals from the architectural community, outside the Central States Region. The jury chair is selected, and they assemble a jury. (Head Shots: 300dpi, 900 pixels tall minimum)
Jury Location	Travels year to year.

Jury Facilitator	One AIA Iowa Awards Committee member assists with setting up the slideshow for the jury and is available via phone / internet to answer any questions during the jury deliberation.
Number of Awards	The number of awards will be approximately 10% of the entries, with the exact number of awards determined by the jury. Awards of Honor and Merit will be at the discretion of the jury.
Award Certificates	Two certificates will be printed per winning entry. Additional certificates may be requested for a nominal fee.
Entry Fee	\$150 each entry.
Submission Info	<p>All submissions will be submitted through IowaArchitecture.org digitally. The following information will be captured through the online form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Info: Public Project Title, Public Project Description, Project Completion Date, Project Cost • Physical Info: Address, Square Feet, Project Type, Building Type • Secondary Firm: Name, Phone Number, Address • People Involved: Contractor, Engineer, Photographer, etc. • Image Upload Requirements: Size- 1500 px X 800 px at 300 dpi. • File types: JPG, GIF, PNG • Jury Data: Title, Description, Client Name, CIN Number • Releases: Architect, Copyright • Presentations: Awards Presentation (3 photos, one auto generated title slide) • Jury Presentation (14 photos, one auto generated title slide)

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Points made in AIA Iowa Bylaws that reference Chapter Awards.

2.1 ASSIGNED MEMBERS

2.11 General. The qualifications, rights and privileges of assigned members shall be as provided in the Institute bylaws. Assigned members shall be eligible to enter Chapter design competitions and receive Chapter design awards.

2.2 UNASSIGNED MEMBERS

2.22 Rights and Privileges. An unassigned member shall be subject to all regulations and shall have all rights in the Chapter of an assigned member, except that an unassigned member shall not hold any office or directorship in the Chapter, vote on matters described in subsection 5.24, nor represent the Chapter as a delegate or otherwise at any meeting of the Institute. Unassigned members are not eligible to enter Chapter Architectural design competitions or to receive Chapter Architectural design awards.

6.02 Awards. As funds or other means become available, the Chapter may make awards to persons, firms, corporations or associations for meritorious work in their respective fields within the territory of the Chapter. Each award shall be bestowed for and on behalf of the Chapter by the concurring vote of all but two of the Chapter Board members, after due consideration of the nominees and work. The token of each award shall be in the form of a medal, an embossed certificate, a scholarship or otherwise as the Chapter Board shall determine. The Board may delegate to a specific committee or committees the authority to select award recipients.

2.6 HONORARY MEMBERS

2.61 Qualifications. A person of esteemed character who is otherwise ineligible for membership in the Institute or the Chapter but who has rendered distinguished service to the profession of Architecture, or to the arts and sciences allied therewith within the domain of the Chapter, may be admitted as an honorary member of the Chapter.

2.62 Nomination and Admission. A person eligible for honorary affiliate membership may be nominated by five Institute members belonging to the Chapter, not more than three of whom may be from one firm, and shall be sponsored by a member of the Chapter Board. The nomination must be in writing over the signature of the nominator and include the names of the sponsors and of the nominee, biography, a history of attainments, qualifications for the honor and the reasons for the nomination. The Chapter Board, at any regular meeting, may admit a nominee as an honorary member.

2.63 Rights and Privileges. Honorary members of the Chapter may use the title "Honorary Member of AIA Iowa", and shall not pay any admission fee or annual dues nor be subject to any assessment.