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Design Pittsburgh 2019 Awards Submission Criteria

ELIGIBILITY

The three built Architectural Awards Categories (Small, Medium & Large) and the unbuilt category are for projects by members of AIA Pittsburgh, or any member of any AIA chapter across the country who has a project in the 11-county area represented by AIA Pittsburgh. All projects MUST have at least one AIA Pittsburgh architect on the project team. All submissions for the AIA Pittsburgh Design Awards Competition must be submitted by an AIA Pittsburgh architect.
For projects in the built categories, the completion date cannot be more that five years old. All judging will be anonymous.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Architecture Small (< 5,000 SF)
Architecture Medium (5,000 – 50,000 SF)
Architecture Large (> 50,000 SF)
Architecture / Unbuilt

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Submit Digitally via DropBox

For every design award submission, you must provide an **Electronic Submission Folder** and a **Design Board**. Each submission shall be presented on 40" x 40" x ½" Falconboard, as well as a digital submission in your personalized DropBox folders, to which you will be invited by AIA Pittsburgh. Projects will be judged from the electronic submission materials; boards will be used for exhibition purposes only. Projects that have previously received an AIA Pittsburgh Design Award are not eligible for re-submission. Projects which were submitted last year but did not receive an award may re-use 40" x 40" design boards. References to previous awards or project publications shall be considered reason for disqualification.

Here's how it works:

1. On your Submission Intent Form, please include the name of the person in charge of uploading all submission criteria to DropBox as the company contact.

2. Once AIA Pittsburgh receives your Submission Request Form, the designated contact will receive an invitation to a personalized DropBox folder for your firm. If you are submitting more than one project, you will find individual Project Folders within your Firm Folder.

3. For example, if ABC Architecture is submitting three projects, the company contact for ABC Architecture will receive a DropBox invitation to the folder titled "ABC Architecture." Within this folder, they will find the following folders: "Project 1," Project 2," and "Project 3" - one folder for each presentation submission.

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1. Electronic Submissions

For each project entry, please include the following items in your firm's electronic submission folder via DropBox.com:

- Project Information Form
- Project Summary Sheet
- Three images of your project for use in promotional publications
- Digital Project Presentation (PowerPoint or PDF Presentation)
- **Optional* Social Equity in Design Award Criteria Form

- **Project Information Form** *For AIA Office Use*
  - You will find the form in your DropBox folder. Download and fill out the form
  - Upload the form to your DropBox folder

- **Project Summary Sheet** *For Jury Review*
  - The **2-page** project summary sheet **must** include:
    - Page 1
      - Key project images
      - An at-a-glance abridgment of the project
    - Page 2
      - Sustainability of Project - Recognizing there are many ways to further sustainable design, we ask submissions to include a short list or narrative (**max 250 words**) describing how sustainability was considered in the project. For example, this could include one or more of the following:
        - Energy standards, like Project EUI, Passive House, Net Zero
        - Integration between building and landscape/ context
        - Local labor/ materials used; re-purposed materials used
        - Innovative or renewable technologies
        - Building certifications, like LEED, SITES, WELL
        - Conversations with client that led to a more sustainable outcome
        - Design positively impacts human behavior/ health

- **Three Images of Your Project** *For Promotional Publications Including Use on aiapgh.org for the People's Choice Award, Social Media, and Various Media Outlets*
  - Save all images as JPEG
  - Photos should not exceed 1000 x 1000 pixels at 100 dpi (resolution)
  - Name the files: ProjectName_1, ProjectName_2, ProjectName_3
    - If images include photos from multiple photographers, include their last name in the image title

- **Digital Project Presentation Requirements (PowerPoint or PDF)** *For Jury Review*
  - Images within the presentations should be 72 dpi.
  - Title slide or page should include the **name of the project**, **project type** (commercial, residential, etc.) and the **status** (date of completion: project cannot be more than five years old).
  - **Maximum** of 15 slides/pages, not including title page.
  - Reference to the firm anywhere in the presentation will result in disqualification, and no members of the firm should appear in any of the images.
  - **Additional images are encouraged**. Site plans, elevations, photographs of the project, and other descriptive drawings should be included in the presentation, as well as on the design boards. (These images should be reduced to fit the digital size requirements as listed above.)
  - The three images submitted for promotional materials should also appear in the PowerPoint or PDF presentation.

- ***NEW* Social Equity Design Award Criteria Form (*Optional*)** *For Jury Review*
  - All built projects are eligible to submit this optional form for consideration. This award challenges architects to address issues of diversity & social responsibility based on a community-driven approach to design.

2. Design Boards

One presentation board must accompany every project entry. AIA Pittsburgh is committed to ensuring that all design boards are made with environmentally friendly products. In the past, we have recommended Gator Board, a polystyrene board covered with poly-coated paper and styrene surfaces, which are not recyclable or biodegradable. Moving forward, all newly printed boards must be on recyclable Falconboard, which is an excellent alternative to traditional boards, approved for the ***Sustainable Forestry Initiative***® using post-consumer recyled fibers. Existing boards from 2018 or earlier that are being re-submitted from past Design Pittsburgh competitions will be accepted through 2020.

SPECS:
The board must be 40" x 40" x 1/2" Falconboard. Each board should include drawings, photoprints, and other information to convey the project. Firm identification should be included on the boards. Board content will be either dry mounted images or dry mounted digital output. Failure to submit a board will result in disqualification from the competition.

AIA Pittsburgh is working with Tri-State Reprographics as the preferred printer for Design Pittsburgh 2019. While you are free to work with any printer of your choice, Tri-State Reprographics is offering a special discounted rate for production, delivery AND installation of your board(s). This estimate will be available to you in your dropbox folder.

JUDGING & AWARDS CRITERIA

Architecture Award entries will be judged by measuring the architect's performance against each project's potential and **not in competition with each other**. Thus, projects of any type or budget can receive an award based on the architect's skill in realizing the design opportunity.

Award Criteria:

1. Concept for the project
2. Detailing and execution of the design concept
3. Achievement of difficult or unusual program goals or constraints
4. Originality of design
5. Sustainability of project

The awards given will be:

Silver Medal - AIA Pittsburgh's highest award celebrates an extraordinary work of architecture. The decision to bestow this award rests solely with the jury.

Honor Award - To honor the best of the submitted projects. The jury may elect to choose one or more projects for this award.

Certificate of Merit - To reward a particular design aspect of a submitted project. The jury may elect to choose one or more projects for this award.

People's Choice Award - This category reflects the public's popular vote for a favorite project. Votes will be collected on the AIA Pittsburgh's online exhibit featuring Design Pittsburgh's Design Award Submissions.

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DEADLINES

Friday, August 2: Submission Intent Forms must be received by AIA Pittsburgh.

Monday, August 19: DropBox folder(s) must contain ALL required elements for the project submission to be eligible for judging.

Friday, August 30: Boards must be delivered to Tri-State Reprographics (*2934 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201*) by 5PM.

LIABILITY CLAUSE

AIA Pittsburgh assumes no liability for original drawings and other submission materials or loss or damage to any part of the submission. AIA Pittsburgh retains the right to reproduce any of the submission materials in its publications, educational programs, and web site.

Please check all information for correct spelling and accuracy since it will be used for publication. By making a submission, the entrant agrees that the information contained in this form is correct and complete, and that the entrant will hold harmless AIA Pittsburgh for any and all damage arising out of the use of the information contained herein. Any errors or omissions are the complete responsibility of the entrant.

The entrant further certifies that permission has been obtained from the owner, developer, and photographer of the project to publish photographs, drawings, and other information included in the submission (and releases and authorizes AIA Pittsburgh to use all such materials).

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