

## **AIA Indiana and Kentucky 2026-2027 Fellowship Nomination Requirements**

The AIA Fellowship program was developed to elevate architects who have made a significant contribution to architecture and society and who have achieved a standard of excellence in the profession. Elevation to Fellowship recognizes the achievements of the architect as an individual and honors, before the public and profession, an exceptional architect who has accomplished exemplary work.

Current Fellows of AIA Indiana and AIA Kentucky are committed to assisting and supporting interested candidates in their Fellowship submission process. A committee has been formed to help explain the process and assist in the preparation of the submittal process. We meet monthly (February-September) and work through each aspect of the submittal where we do regular reviews of candidates' applications to provide feedback.

AIA members who are interested in submitting for Fellowship should complete the information below and submit it to Committee Co-Chairs, Lisa Gomperts, FAIA ([lgomperts@schmidt-arch.com](mailto:lgomperts@schmidt-arch.com)), Dean Illingworth, FAIA ([deanillingworth@gmail.com](mailto:deanillingworth@gmail.com)), and Steve Wiser, FAIA ([wiserfaia@outlook.com](mailto:wiserfaia@outlook.com)) by **January 16, 2026**.

We ask that each interested candidate provide the information noted below. This will help our committee better understand what supporting information you have to help guide you in the selection of your Object and pair you up with a Fellowship coach.

---

### **A 5 Page Summary Documents in pdf format for each nominee should include the following:**

#### **SPONSOR SUPPORT – Page 1**

- Letter/Statement from Sponsor noting their commitment to support candidate

#### **INFORMATION SECTION – Page 2**

##### **Personal Information**

- Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- Email Address

##### **AIA Information**

- AIA Membership # & Chapter
- Date of Initial Membership
- Category of Nomination (select the one you think you will be submitting under) - [2026 Fellowship Application Guidelines.pdf](#)
- Name of Sponsor and Email

##### **Professional Information**

- Education
- Registrations
- Certifications
- Exemplary Achievements (min 3)

#### **INTRODUCTORY DRAFT STATEMENT – Page 3**

- What is your statement or argument that you want to convey?
  - What is the “Zinger” to capture the attention of the jury?
  - How are you making life better and showing your reach?
- What are the 3-4 main points you want to convey that support your primary argument?

#### **EXAMPLES OF EXEMPLARY WORK – Page 4**

- Provide a list of projects and initiatives that:
  - Show exceptional work to profession, architecture, and society
  - Illustrate Local, Regional, and National reach

#### **REFERENCES – Page 5**

- List of 8-10 anticipated reference writers – Include AIA/FAIA status (if applicable), geographic location, what you anticipate they will write about that supports your submittal

**\*Returning candidates** must send their past submission with your AIA debrief notes and plan for revisions