AIA Long Island

HISTORY + PURPOSE

The annual AIA Long Island Chapter Design Awards Program recognizes excellence in architectural design by Long Island Architects and/or Long Island projects. The program's goal is to increase awareness of today's outstanding architecture and to honor the architects, clients, and consultants who work together to create these projects.

Every year since 1964, the Long Island Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has celebrated outstanding architectural achievement through the annual Archi Awards Program.

Since its creation by the Long Island Association of Commerce and Industry, followed by the involvement of the AIA Long Island Chapter, the Archi Awards Program has gained prominence as the Long Island community has begun to recognize and understand the impact of quality architecture in the built environment. To date, over 800 projects have received awards and recognition for design excellence. Each entry is judged on the success of the design solution presented and not in competition with other entries. Today, the Archi Awards Program is a major event in the Long Island design community which raises awareness of the importance of quality architectural design to Long Island as a whole.



2026 ARCHI AWARDS

CALL FOR ENTRIES

A R C H I
C A T E G O R I E S

The criteria for submission include projects which have been designed after January 1, 2020.

Residential Categories	
R-01	**Residential Single Family - New Construction (Under $1.5 Million)** *Built private home or accessory structure with construction costs less than $1.5M*
R-02	**Residential Single Family - New Construction ($1.5 to $3 Million)** *Built private home or accessory structure with construction costs between $1.5 - $3M*
R-03	**Residential Single Family - New Construction (Over $3 Million)** *Built private home or accessory structure with construction costs over $3M*
R-04	**Residential Single Family - Additions and Renovations** *Built additions and renovations to a private home or accessory structure*
R-05	**Residential - Interior Architecture, Including Renovations** *Interior architecture for any built residential project, private home. Entries may include renovations, additions, adaptive reuse, preservation or new construction.*
R-06	**Residential - Unbuilt Projects** *Any unbuilt private home or accessory structure, including interior renovations.*
Commercial Categories	
C-01	**Multi-Unit Housing and Mixed Use** *Built projects dedicated to multi-unit housing and mixed-use. Entries may include apartment buildings, public housing, and student housing. New or renovated buildings.*
C-02	**Business or Mercantile** *Built projects dedicated to business or mercantile industry. Entries may include professional offices, retail or sales facilities.*
C-03	**Hospitality** *Built projects dedicated to the hospitality industry. Entries may include hotels, spas, restaurants, bars, and other leisure or sports facilities.*
C-04	**Municipal/Institutional/Health Care** *Built projects dedicated to the municipal, institutional or health care industry. Entries may include federal, state, or local government, assisted living, hospitals, clinics, and rehabilitation facilities.*
C-05	**Educational/Cultural/Religious** *Built projects dedicated to educational, cultural or religious. Entries may include K-12, higher education, private education, museum, theater, library, and worship facilities.*
C-06	**Commercial – Interiors** *Interior architecture for any built commercial project. Entries may include renovations, additions, adaptive reuse, preservation or new construction.*
C-07	**Commercial - Unbuilt Projects** *Any unbuilt commercial use project, including interior renovations.*
Miscellaneous Categories:	
M-01	**Small Firm or Sole Practitioner** *Built projects designed by firms with less than 5 employees including principal. Including interior renovations.*
M-02	**Historic Restoration/Adaptive Re-Use** *Built projects that involve the transformation of outdated structures or the restoration of a historic structure. Including interior renovations.*
M-03	**Sustainable Design** *Built residential or commercial projects of any type with features following basic sustainability criteria: site & ecosystems, energy use, water use, resources and materials, and indoor air quality.*
M-04	**Industrial Product Design** *A physical product, constructed or prototyped, that focuses on the creative process of developing and improving its form and function.*
M-05	**Landscape & Outdoor Design** *Built residential or commercial projects dedicated to the art and science of designing outdoor spaces. Entries may include private homes, public or private parks, gardens, memorials, and outdoor athletic facilities*

SPECIAL **AWARDS**

Special awards are selected from all of the projects submitted. No separate entry is required or will be accepted. Awards may include categories such as color, windows, kitchens, wood, millwork/craftsmanship, and lighting.

RULES + **REGULATIONS**

1. All submissions must be projects which have been designed after January 1, 2020.
2. AIA Long Island Chapter Members (AIA/LIC) may submit projects built on Long Island or elsewhere. Architects who are not AIA/LIC members may only submit projects that were designed for and/or constructed on Long Island (Nassau and Suffolk Counties).
3. Previous Archi Award winning submissions are not eligible in any award category.
4. Entrants give AIA Long Island Chapter permission to reproduce their submission without restriction.
5. No royalties shall be payable by AIA Long Island Chapter or any other sponsors for use of the submission entry materials.
6. Entrants verify that all information provided on the Registration Form is true and their submission is subject to disqualification in the event that it is found that any information has been falsified.
7. For all categories, all entrants and teams must have at least one registered Architect (the Architect of Record) in order to submit.
8. Entrants affirm that they are sole owner of the materials identified in the submission entry, that each submitted entry is an original work, and that neither these materials nor the permission granted hereby infringes upon the ownership, copyright, trademark, or rights of others.
9. All deliverables become property of AIA Long Island Chapter.
10. All entries must be submitted without identifying marks, including logos, texts, insignia, or images that could be used to identify the submission's author(s).
11. Unbuilt projects are eligible only when a client is named.
12. Each project is considered as a separate entry and a separate entry fee must be paid for each. Multiple designs will not be considered as a single entry.
13. Entrants must identify the project category under which they are submitting.
14. The jury is not required to give awards for each category.
15. The selection of the jury is determined by the Archi Awards Committee and will be approved by the Board of Directors.
16. The award process will be based on a point system executed by the jury. A project must achieve the minimum points required to receive an award for any category.

E L E C T R O N I C

S U B M I S S I O N R E Q U I R E M E N T S

The digital submissions will be forwarded to the jury, minus Part 1 - Project Information (which will be removed by AIA LI Chapter prior to jury review). Parts 2 & 3 must be completely anonymous. The entry will be disqualified if part 2 or 4 contains the firm name, firm logo, architects' names or previous awards for the project.

Part 1 - Project Information

Make sure the company name and submitting architect is included. All of the specific team information must be provided on this form in order for the jury to objectively determine award recipients without bias.

Part 2 - Project Narrative

The narrative should be a description of the project and maximum of 300 words. It should define the program and how the design approach met the project goals, distinguished characteristics and sustainability features (if applicable). It must be completely anonymous, firm name, architect's name or previous awards cannot appear in the narrative or the entry will be disqualified.

Part 3 - Digital Project Images

(JPG and PDF files only - no other format will be accepted):
Up to ten (10) images will be accepted as the medium used by the jury to understand and judge each submission. The following images must be submitted:

Project Final Construction Photos or Renderings (if unbuilt):
Up to five (5) JPGs images of the project showing exterior and interior views (as required). Images must be a minimum of 300 dpi resolution. Images will be uploaded one by one. The images should not include text or captions. It must be completely anonymous, firm name, architect's name or previous awards cannot appear or the entry will be disqualified.

Design Drawings:
Up to five (5) drawings in PDF file format only, of any of the following:

- Floor Plans
- Site Plans
- Elevations/Sections/Diagrams

Images must be a minimum of 300 dpi resolution. The images should not include text or captions. It must be completely anonymous, firm name, architect's name or previous awards cannot appear or the entry will be disqualified.

Image for Publishing:
Upload one (1) photograph in JPG as the photograph to be published in the Archi Awards Journal and public display. This file will be required to be upload on a tab labeled “Photograph For Publication” and may be the same uploaded initially.

Submissions must include all documentation as required in this document. Deviation from the submission requirements may result in immediate disqualification.

Liability
AIA Long Island retains the right to reproduce any of the submission materials in its publication, educational programs and websites. By making a submission, the entrant agrees that the information contained in the submission is correct and complete, and that the entrant will hold harmless AIA Long Island 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.

Contact
Please contact the AIA LI Chapter office with any questions on the requirements for the submission at:
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R E G I S T R A T I O N F E E S

Submit entries using the Archi Awards Online Submission Platform.

Click Here

Presentation of Awards Wednesday, November 11, 2026

Early Bird Registration Rates:

Registration fees, forms and entry submission due no later than
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 (11:59 PM EST)

AIA Long Island Members	$225
AIA Members (Non-Long Island)	$300
Non-AIA Members	$375

Standard Registration Rates:

Registration fees, forms and entry submission due no later than
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 (11:59 PM EST)

AIA Long Island Members	$300
AIA Members (Non-Long Island)	$375
Non-AIA Members	$450

Registration payments must be made via credit card or ACH and are non-refundable.