AIA Shreveport

RULES OF THE BOARD GOVERNING THE AIA SHREVEPORT AWARDS PROGRAM – **2026**

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

In order to encourage excellence in architecture, the Shreveport Chapter of the American Institute of Architects conducts an annual Awards Program. Through this program, AIA Shreveport seeks to honor works of distinction by its members and bring to public attention outstanding examples of architecture.

Because such recognition not only benefits the architects honored, but also benefits all Shreveport architects, AIA Shreveport should strive to optimize the public's awareness and appreciation for the Awards Program through appropriate public relations efforts. The AIA Shreveport Awards Program is a function solely of AIA Shreveport and participation in the program is limited to its current members.

ELIGIBILITY

Any architectural project completed since January **2021** (within the last 5 calendar years) which has been produced by, or in collaboration with, a member firm of AIA Shreveport at the time of completion is eligible for submission. Projects can be located inside or outside of Shreveport, Louisiana but must be submitted by an AIA Shreveport member who served as either the Design Architect or the Architect-of-Record for the project. (*When a firm or partnership has been dissolved, projects shall be submitted under the firm name on the contract documents used to execute the project, unless otherwise agreed to by the previous partners prior to submittal*). Members are encouraged to submit previously submitted non-winning projects, or ones which have won awards in other programs. Entries must be designated in one of the following classifications. Awards will be given at the discretion of the Jury and there is no obligation that the jury present awards for each classification. Please state the classification you are wishing your project to be submitted. Categories are:

- ***Architecture*** - awards shall recognize projects in the categories of New Construction or Renovation.
- ***Interior Architecture*** - awards shall recognize Interior architecture/interior design projects on any type including renovations, rehabs, offices, institutions, residences, retail projects, restaurants, single-family homes and public facilities.
- ***Divine Detail*** - awards shall recognize architectural ingenuity in use of a particular material, detail, or building technology.
- ***Unrealized Projects*** - awards shall recognize unbuilt architecture and urban design as well as theoretical or conceptual work, including installations, land art, and research. Projects cannot have been undertaken for academic credit.
- ***Restoration/Rehabilitation/Adaptive Reuse*** - awards shall recognize exceptional work by architects in the field of restoration and rehabilitation as distinguished from the work of the original architect (Restoration: An act of restoring or condition of being restored…a bringing back to a **former position or condition).**
- ***Master Planning/Urban Design*** – awards shall recognize projects (either built or un-built) in the field of master planning or urban design.
- ***Residential*** – awards shall recognize exceptional work by architects in the field of residential architecture.
- ***Art/Sculpture*** – awards shall recognize exceptional work by designers in the field of art/sculpture.

AWARDS

Each project will be judged according to its own merit, not in competition with other entries. Awards for projects in the classification of ***Architecture*** may be granted at one of two levels: Honor Award or Award of Merit. Awards shall be granted at the discretion of the jury. These Awards will be designated by a jury of architects whose work and reputations have been established at the highest level of the profession. Jurors will review Power Point submissions in determination of awards in lieu of board submissions. Awards will be presented at the AIA Shreveport Christmas Party & Awards Gala in December.

- ***Honor Award*** – is to be bestowed for exceptional work, easily distinguishable by exceptional quality of design and function.
- ***Award of Merit*** - is to be bestowed to work that demonstrate a high level of design quality worthy of recognition.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Awards program is made with a Power Point submission. Failure to submit all material will be grounds for disqualification.

Submission Requirements and Power Point Template, along with your entry number, will be emailed to you after the receipt of the application form.

Power Point

For each submission, please submit power point presentation by email to contact@aiashreveport.org or mail a digital file to P.O. Box 401 Shreveport, LA 71162. Do NOT alter the font size, color, type, or location of the text or color of the background.

No animations, overlapping photos or hyperlinks in the Power Point presentation. If these are used, the submittal will be disqualified. Use digital images in provided template only.

It is the responsibility of the entrant to obtain all clearances for use of photographs in conjunction with publicity and recognition of the project. AIA Shreveport assumes no liability for copyrights or photographic fees.

Every attempt should be made to make each submission anonymous so the judging is unbiased. Architect or firm name, logo, project identification or any symbol or identifying marks are not allowed on any slide except the credit slide. The only exception to this rule is a fixed, permanent building sign is allowed on image slides.

- Slide .01 shall include a brief program summary of 25 words or less and a program statement of 250 words or less. The building area, cost per square foot, construction cost, and date of completion shall be indicated on the right-hand side. Any information that conveys the architect, firm or name of the project may not be included on this side.
- Slides following slide .01 shall be used for image slides. Each submission must have between 8 and 12 image slides and 2 information slides. Submissions must include at least 1 plan and 1 image in the image slides. There may be multiple images on an individual slide, however all images must fit within the 7" x 7" square indicated on the sample slide. The maximum size of the Power Point submission (presentation) file, in its entirety, should not exceed 15 mb.
- The credit slide will be the last slide of your submission. It shall include the project name, project location, owner/client, architect(s) of record including names and addresses, project team, landscape architect, consultants, general contractor and photographer(s).

IMPORTANT NOTE

If the submission is disqualified for failure to meet Award rules, the awards committee chairman will notify entrant, in writing, of disqualification. AIA Shreveport Executive Committee, with the approval of jury chairman, reserves the right to make changes for the benefit of AIA Shreveport.

End of rules