

BOARD AWARDS

A CELEBRATION OF PROFESSIONAL
ACHIEVEMENT, DESIGN EXCELLENCE,
AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP.





2026 AWARDS SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026
Call for Nominations Out

OCTOBER 23, 2026
Nominations Due

DECEMBER 10, 2026
Awards Announced at Holiday Party

SUBMISSION QUESTIONS

Please direct all submission questions to
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AIA KANSAS CITY BOARD AWARDS

AIA Kansas City recognizes leadership achievement at significant stages in an individual's professional development

The **Chapter Volunteer Award** recognizes a member who provides support to our chapter's mission.

The **Emerging Professional Award** salutes young professional leadership.

The **Gold Medal Award** honors a lifetime of design leadership.

The **Firm Award** honors outstanding practice contributions.

The **President's Award** honors leaders who support the mission of our profession.

NOMINATIONS

AIA Kansas City chapter members are invited to submit nominations for our 2026 Board Awards.

There is no limit to how many years a nominee may be submitted for an award. Recipients of individual awards may receive a specific award only once. Firms are eligible again 10 years after the last award was received. Awards are not given posthumously. Individual members of the current Board Awards Committee are not eligible to be nominated.

All AIA Kansas City award programs require that candidates for awards are in compliance with the AIA Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct. Nominators will need to certify that candidates comply to the best of their knowledge. This is part of our commitment to ensuring that recipients comport to the highest standards of character and professionalism, and is in compliance with requirements for AIA national awards.

THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE FOR NOMINATIONS.

CHAPTER VOLUNTEER

The Chapter Volunteer Award is awarded to an AIA Kansas City member who has shown exceptional support and made significant contributions to the chapter.

ELIGIBILITY

- ◆ An AIA Kansas City chapter member

CRITERIA

Criteria for selection includes evidence of:

- ◆ Service to AIA Kansas City
- ◆ Demonstration of exceptional leadership and contributions to the profession and the community

SUBMITTAL

The submission should include a single PDF file containing:

- ◆ A one-page nomination letter written by the nominating firm or member summarizing the nominee's contributions and fit to the criteria above
- ◆ Up to 2 one-page letters of support that are specific in their recommendation and reasons for support
- ◆ A photograph of the nominee

EMERGING PROFESSIONAL

The Emerging Professional Award is awarded to an AIA Kansas City member who has shown exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the profession in the early stages of their architectural career.

ELIGIBILITY

- ◆ An AIA Member or Assoc. AIA Member who has been practicing fewer than 10 years by the submission deadline
- ◆ An AIA Kansas City chapter member

CRITERIA

Criteria for selection includes evidence of:

- ◆ High qualities of leadership
- ◆ Service to AIA Kansas City
- ◆ Demonstration of exceptional leadership and contributions to the profession and the community

SUBMITTAL

The submission should include a single PDF file containing:

- ◆ A one-page nomination letter written by the nominating firm or member summarizing the nominee's contributions and fit to the criteria above
- ◆ A statement/list of the nominee's achievements and awards
- ◆ Up to 2 one-page letters of support that are specific in their recommendation and reasons for support
- ◆ A photograph of the nominee

GOLD MEDAL

The Gold Medal Award recognizes an AIA Kansas City member for a lifetime of distinguished leadership and dedication to architecture, the profession, and the community. The award is our chapter's highest honor. This award recognizes members who, by their example and service, have made significant contributions to the advancement of the profession, involvement in the community, and participation in the Chapter. **Nominations in this category will remain entered for this award for 3 years if not selected before that time.**

ELIGIBILITY

- ◆ A licensed architect, who is also an AIA member is eligible for this award; however, as this award recognizes lifetime achievement, nominees should be in the latter phase of their career.

CRITERIA

- Criteria for selection includes evidence of:
- ◆ Evidence of nominee's contribution of great depth and breadth, having an individual and collective effect and influence on the profession of architecture
 - ◆ Aspects of the nominee's work or life experience that may have reflected contributions or sensitivity concerning areas of special interest to AIA Kansas City, its members, and the architecture profession
 - ◆ Significant contributions to AIA Kansas City, the architectural profession, and the community

SUBMITTAL

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 - ◆ A photograph of the nominee

FIRM

The Firm Award is awarded to an AIA Kansas City Member Firm that has shown exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the profession and the built environment.

ELIGIBILITY

- ◆ An AIA Kansas City Member Firm with 5 consecutive years of membership

CRITERIA

- Criteria for selection includes evidence of:
- ◆ Firms may be nominated for architecture, or contributions to practice, exceptional civic service, or the ability to transcend specific areas of expertise.
 - ◆ The firm shall have evidenced great breadth, having influenced the direction/profession of architecture.
 - ◆ Significant contributions to AIA Kansas City

SUBMITTAL

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 - ◆ A statement/list of the nominee's achievements and awards
 - ◆ Up to 2 one-page letters of support that are specific in their recommendation and reasons for support
 - ◆ A photograph of the firm

PRESIDENT’S AWARDS

The President's Awards are at the discretion of the current AIA Kansas City President. These awards recognize an AIA Kansas City member, community leader, or organizations for unique or significant accomplishments that have advanced design and the profession in the community.

ELIGIBILITY

(Any of the following)

- ◆ AIA Kansas City Chapter Member
- ◆ Community Leaders
- ◆ Organizations (Public or Private)

CRITERIA

- Examples of awards given previously in this category include:
- ◆ Educators, architectural advocates, architectural preservationist, community impact, etc.

SUBMITTAL

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 - ◆ A statement/list of the nominee's achievements and awards
 - ◆ Up to 2 one-page letters of support that are specific in their recommendation and reasons for support
 - ◆ A photograph of the nominee

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