

This year marks the 64th Annual Design Awards of the North Dakota Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. During the **2026 Fall Design Conference, October 7-9, 2026**, all awards will be presented for distinguished accomplishments in design as well as the professional awards. This document contains all information on the 2026 awards, including the Design Award and the Professional Award nominations. This electronic document is the only notification for entries and nominations that will be sent to members. This document will also be posted on the AIA North Dakota Website.

DESIGN AWARD ENTRIES:

The design awards are divided into two categories.

- **General Design Awards**
- **Residential Design Awards***

Overall Eligibility and Submittal Requirements for Design Awards

Eligibility:

Projects must be submitted by a Member of AIA North Dakota who has been in good standing for at least 2 consecutive years prior to this year and who is also a principal of the firm entering the submission. Eligible projects will have been completed since June 1, 2023. Projects done in collaboration with non-AIA North Dakota members, where the non-member is the primary designer, are not eligible. Only those entries that follow the format and meet the deadlines will be considered. Previous winning projects are not eligible.

Submittal Requirements for General Design and Residential Design Awards: Please read the instructions carefully as we occasionally make modifications to streamline or clarify the process. If you choose to participate in this year's award program, further information and submissions specifications will be emailed to you.

1. Entries must consist of one building or a related group of buildings forming a single project.
2. Note: All submissions are entirely electronic. We no longer require the printed 8x10 photos. Each submittal must be sent to AIA North Dakota through a file sharing service of your choice. If you do not have access to a file sharing service, please contact Stacy to request a formatted stick drive. Provide the following:
 - Each submittal must contain a site plan(s) and floor plan(s) as necessary to convey the design intent to the jury. Insert images within the Power Point provided to you via email.
 - Provide a minimum of 5, maximum of 8 JPG images of the building and site, to include a minimum of two exterior and two interior images. Only one image per slide view. (Exception: one slide may contain 2 images if demonstrating before and after.)
 - Insert images within the format provided. You may substitute section(s) and/or perspective(s) in lieu of additional photos. The total number of slides may not exceed 13.
 - Images may not exceed 1024 x 768-pixel resolution and 96 dots per inch.
 - Insert Descriptive Data slides as indicated in the PowerPoint located on slides #2 and #3.
 - Insert optional Narrative slide as indicated in the PowerPoint located on slide #4
 - Please delete the slide containing the instructions (slide #1) before submitting.
3. Completed Digital Photo Identification Sheets (furnished after receipt of entry fee) must also accompany each submission. Provide the information requested on the Identification Sheets, keying the numbers on the form to the numbers you assign each digital image.
4. Please submit the following information on the Project Information Sheet (this will also be emailed to you):
 - Name of Owner
 - Name and Location of Project
 - Name and address of Lead Architect (must be the same as provided on the Entry Form)
 - Name of Consulting Engineer(s)
 - Name of Landscape Architect
 - Name of General Contractor
 - Name of Photographer
 - Name as you would like it to appear on the award

5. **NEW This Year:** If you would like AIA North Dakota to forward your award submission directly to the *America by Design* team for consideration in their programming, please email your request to Stacy Krumwiede at stacy@scgnd.com. Include the Entry # and 3 photos you would like submitted for consideration. Please note that the full award submission will not be forwarded—only the information required by the *America by Design* team, along with the selected photos, will be shared.
6. It is essential that drawings and images are not restricted against publication in connection with the Design Awards and any publicity thereafter. It is the entrant’s responsibility to make sure that all drawings and images are cleared for release by the Chapter, which will assume no responsibility for copyrights or image fees. The designated image of each entry will be for unrestricted use in AIA North Dakota website and magazine. The images’ credit lines will be given when requested.
7. Keep in mind that projects will not be judged in competition with other entries, but based on the entrant’s solution to the problem and its worthiness for an Award of Excellence in Architecture.
8. **REQUIRED FOAM CORE BOARD:** While not part of the actual judging, these boards are an important highlight of the Design Conference. Each entry must also be represented by one 24" x 30" white, **vertically oriented** foam core and descriptive information. Each board must be delivered to the AIA North Dakota conference registration desk at Brewhalla between 10:00 am and noon on Wednesday, October 7, 2026. The Chapter is not responsible for delivery arrangements.

The front of each board must include:

 - Project name and location.
 - Project description. Must include one or more of the following: program statement; solution statement; square footage and total project cost.
 - Architect/firm name and/or corporate logo, and owner's name and/or corporate logo.
 - Credits, if desired.
 - Plans, sections, exterior and interior images as necessary to adequately describe the project is at the discretion of the entrant.

Adjudication and Awards Presentation

1. The jury will select one Honor Award for Distinguished Accomplishment in Architecture. The jury will also designate Awards of Merit for those projects considered to have a degree of excellence but not warranting the Honor Award.
2. Award winners will be notified prior to the Fall Conference with adequate time to permit winning entrants to invite project owners and consultants/contractors to the **Awards Event**. AIA North Dakota does not cover the cost of winners or their guests to attend the luncheon.
3. At the **Awards Event**, two identical award certificates will be presented for each winning project (one each to the Architects and Owners) receiving the Honor Award, Awards of Merit and Juror’s Choice.
4. All submittals’ foam core boards will be displayed at the Expo and winning submittals’ foam core boards will be displayed at the **Awards Event**. Boards for winning projects can be claimed at the conclusion of the Expo and winners can pick their boards up after the awards event. Any boards not removed by the date/time indicated will be recycled.

General Design Entries:

This category is for any built project, *except* for single family residential projects. Exception: See Residential Design Entries immediately below.

Entry Fee:	\$ 250.00 per Project
Registration & Entry Fee Deadline:	April 27, 2026
Design Submittal & Postmark Deadline:	July 1, 2026

Residential Design Entries

This category is for built, single-family residential projects. Separate Honor and Merit awards for residential design will be awarded only if there are 3 or more submissions representing 3 or more members/firms. * If 2 or fewer entries are submitted in this category, they will be considered in the General Design category.

Entry Fee:	\$ 250.00 per Project
Registration and Entry Fee Deadline:	April 27, 2026
Design Entries Submittal Postmark Deadline:	July 1, 2026

Entry Form for Design Awards

_____ (Initial) I agree to follow and comply with the Overall Eligibility and Submittal Requirements.

_____ (Initial) I understand that boards are an important highlight of the Design Conference. I take full responsibility for compliance with the specifications outlined on page 2 and on-time delivery of the foam core board. Each board must be delivered to the AIA North Dakota conference registration desk at Brewhalla in Fargo between 10:00 am and noon on Wednesday, October 7, 2026. The Chapter is not responsible for delivery arrangements.

Name and Signature of AIA North Dakota Architect Member who has been in good standing for at least 2 consecutive years immediately prior to this year and who is also a principal of the firm entering the submission:

Principal Name

AIA Member Number

Signature

Email

Firm Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

I am submitting _____ entries into the Design Awards at \$250.00 per entry. **General** _____ **Residential** _____

Total amount enclosed is \$_____.

Make checks payable to "AIA North Dakota".

1. Deadline for receipt of Entry Form and Payment: postmarked by April 27, 2026.

- **Do not send any documents by any means requiring a physical address.**
- **Mail Entry forms and checks to:**
AIA North Dakota
PO Box 7370
Bismarck ND 58507-7370

2. Submittals must be sent by July 1, 2026, to Stacy Krumwiede stacy@scgnd.com through a file sharing site of your choice.

3. New: America by Design Opportunity: If you would like AIA North Dakota to forward your project to the *America by Design* team for consideration in their programming, please email your request to Stacy Krumwiede at stacy@scgnd.com. Include the Entry # and 3 photos you would like to submit for consideration. This must be requested by July 1st.

Professional, Test of Time, and Community Impact Award Nominations:

This call for entries is for nominations for the Professional Awards including, **Intern of the Year Award, Early Career Architect Award, Commitment to Architecture Award, Architect Achievement Award, Craftsmanship Award, the Test of Time Award, and the newly established Community Impact Award.** These awards will be presented at the **Awards Banquet, Thursday, October 8, 2026.** There is no charge to submit a nomination in any of the following categories.

Eligibility and Nomination Requirements for Professional Awards

Each professional award has specific qualifications for the nomination and for the nominator. Review the requirements specified for each award below. Nominations must be submitted addressing the qualifications provided for each award. Provide back-up data as requested in each award's submittal requirements.

Submit Professional Award Nominations only by email to: Stacy Krumwiede stacy@scgnd.com

Professional Award Nomination Deadline: July 1, 2026

Winners will be notified prior to the Design Conference, and all winners will be acknowledged at the **Awards Banquet, October 8th.**

2026 Test of Time Award Nomination

Eligibility: The nominated project must be located in North Dakota and completed a minimum of 25 years ago. Preference will be given to buildings designed by an AIA North Dakota member.

Qualifications: This award acknowledges the significant contribution of timeless design to our communities and state. These qualifications are open-ended to allow for the distinctive design, cultural/iconic nature or a community's reverence for a project over time.

Submission Requirements: The primary nominator must be an AIA North Dakota member in good standing for at least two consecutive years immediately preceding the current year. Additional nominations from individual members or non-members are also permitted. To be considered, the original nomination email must include the project name and location, along with the following two attachments:

- A narrative of no more than one page, submitted as a Microsoft Word document with 1-inch margins on all sides and a font size of at least 11-point.
- Up to five (5) project photos in JPG format.

If the project is selected, the nominator agrees to provide additional JPG images and supporting text for presentation purposes, as requested.

2026 Architect Outstanding Achievement Award Nomination

Eligibility: An architect who is/was an AIA North Dakota member in good standing and is/was licensed in North Dakota and practiced the majority of their career in North Dakota. (The nominee may have allowed their license and/or AIA membership to expire due to retirement or similar circumstance). Posthumous nominations are accepted.

Qualifications: This award acknowledges the achievements of the member architect as an individual and elevates before the public and the profession a model architect who has made significant career-long contributions to architecture, the Chapter, and society. This individual has shown excellence in leading the AIA North Dakota Chapter or a related professional organization over a sustained period of time and has gained recognition for the results of their work as well as one or more of these categories:

- Produced distinguished bodies of work through design, urban design, or preservation
- Made notable contributions through their work in education, research, literature or the practice of architecture.
- Made notable contributions in public service or work in government or industry organizations
- Made notable contributions to the public good through alternative careers or volunteer work with organizations not directly connected to the built environment.

Submission Requirements: To submit a nomination, the primary nominator must be an AIA North Dakota member in good standing for at least two consecutive years immediately preceding the current year. Additional nominations from individual members or non-members are also permitted.

To be considered, the original nomination email must include the following two attachments:

- A narrative of no more than one page, submitted as a Microsoft Word document with 1-inch margins on all sides and a font size of at least 11-point.
- One professional “head and shoulders” photograph in JPG format. You may also include an “action shot” of the individual at work. While optional, this image may be used in the annual awards publication.

If selected, the nominator agrees to provide additional JPG images and supporting text for presentation purposes, as requested.

Narrative must include the following:

- Contact Information: Nominee’s Name, Address & Phone Number (if applicable)
 - Brief Biography: Briefly state why this individual deserves this award. List any professional, Chapter, or personal involvement with the profession and the community.
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2026 Commitment to Architecture Award Nomination

Eligibility: An individual or organization that is not an architect or a member of AIA. The individual may be an AIA Allied Member.

Qualifications: This award acknowledges the continued commitment to architectural excellence by an individual or organization not directly related to the Architectural Profession. These qualifications are open-ended to allow for the unique service an individual or organization can provide for our profession. For example, a city leader might have attended an urban design conference which led to community-wide changes, or a historical society has shown great strides in pursuing appropriate downtown renovation.

Submission Requirements: To submit a nomination, the primary nominator must be an AIA North Dakota member in good standing for at least two consecutive years immediately preceding the current year.

To be considered, the original nomination email must include the following two attachments:

- A narrative of no more than one page, submitted as a Microsoft Word document with 1-inch margins on all sides and a font size of at least 11-point.
- One professional “head and shoulders” photograph in JPG format. You may also include an “action shot” of the individual(s) (or the organization) at work. While optional, this image may be used in the annual awards publication.

If selected, the nominator agrees to provide additional JPG images and supporting text for presentation purposes, as requested.

Narrative: Provide a brief statement about why this individual or organization deserves this award. List any professional or personal involvement with the profession and the community that would help in the selection process.

2026 Craftsmanship Award Nomination

Eligibility: An individual or organization that is not an architect or a member of AIA. They may be an AIA allied member.

Qualifications: This award acknowledges the continued commitment to excellence in craftsmanship by an individual or organization whose work or trade contributes to the built environment:

Submission Requirements: To submit a nomination, the primary nominator must be an AIA North Dakota member in good standing for at least two consecutive years immediately preceding the current year. Additional nominations from individual members or non-members are also permitted.

To be considered, the original nomination email must include the following two attachments:

- A narrative of no more than one page, submitted as a Microsoft Word document with 1-inch margins on all sides and a font size of at least 11-point.
- One professional “head and shoulders” photograph in JPG format.

If selected, the nominator agrees to provide additional JPG images and supporting text for presentation purposes, as requested.

2026 Early Career Architect Award Nomination

Eligibility: A licensed architect (registered in North Dakota 5 years or less as of August 1, 2026) who is a member in good standing with AIA North Dakota.

Qualifications: This individual, at an early stage of his/her career, has participated in AIA North Dakota events and has shown overall exceptional leadership in design, education, and service to the profession.

Commentary: *These qualifications are open-ended to allow for the unique service an individual can play in our profession. For example, an individual might have a strong involvement in community service and is a volunteer of many non-profit organizations and is an active participant at AIA North Dakota events.*

Submission Requirements: To submit a nomination, the nominator must be an AIA North Dakota member in good standing for at least two consecutive years immediately preceding the current year.

To be considered, the original nomination email must include the following two attachments:

- A narrative of no more than one page, submitted as a Microsoft Word document with 1-inch margins on all sides and a font size of at least 11-point.
- One professional “head and shoulders” photograph in JPG format. You may also include an “action shot” of the individual at work. While optional, this image may be used in the annual awards publication.

Narrative: Please give a brief statement about why you feel this individual deserves this award. List any professional or personal involvement with AIA North Dakota, the profession, and the community that would help in the selection process.

Original date of North Dakota registration and the license number of the nominee must be included in the nomination.

2026 Intern of the Year Award Nomination

Eligibility: An intern who is a member in good standing as an Associate of AIA North Dakota and enrolled in the Intern Development Program (AXP). Must be a graduate--no student interns.

Qualifications: This individual, at the beginning of his/her career, has participated in AIA North Dakota events and has shown overall exceptional leadership in design, education, and service to the profession.

Commentary: *These qualifications are open-ended to allow for the unique service an individual can play in our profession. For example, an individual might have a strong involvement in community service and is a volunteer of many non-profit organizations and is an active attendee at AIA North Dakota events.*

Submission Requirements: To submit a nomination, the nominator must be an AIA North Dakota member in good standing for at least two consecutive years immediately preceding the current year.

To be considered, the original nomination email must include the following two attachments:

- A narrative of no more than one page, submitted as a Microsoft Word document with 1-inch margins on all sides and a font size of at least 11-point.
- One professional “head and shoulders” photograph in JPG format. You may also include an “action shot” of the individual at work. While optional, this image may be used in the annual awards publication.

Narrative: Provide a brief statement about why this individual deserves this award. List any professional or personal involvement with AIA North Dakota, the profession, and the community that would help in the selection process.

2026 Community Impact Award - *New this year!

Eligibility: The nominated project must be located in North Dakota and submitted by an AIA North Dakota member. Although not mandatory, preference will be given to buildings designed by an AIA North Dakota member. Eligible submissions may include built projects, planning or design initiatives, community programs, organizations, or individuals whose efforts have made a significant positive impact. Projects should ideally be complete and in use for at least 12 months to allow for evaluation of outcomes and user experience.

Qualifications: The AIA North Dakota Community Impact Award recognizes a project, individual, organization, or initiative that demonstrates meaningful and measurable benefit to a community through design, leadership, or service. This award honors work that removes barriers and empowers people and communities to connect, thrive, and reach their full potential.

Unlike traditional design awards, this category emphasizes the broader impact of the work, including its contribution to social well-being, economic vitality, accessibility, education, health, or civic life. While design quality is considered, the primary focus is on demonstrated community benefit and long-term value.

The jury will consider how effectively the submission responds to a community need, improves quality of life, and demonstrates the power of architecture and design to create positive change.

Submission Requirements: The primary nominator must be an AIA North Dakota member in good standing for at least two consecutive years immediately preceding the current year. Additional nominations from individual members or non-members are also permitted. To be considered, the original nomination email must include the project name and location, along with the following two attachments:

- A narrative of no more than one page, submitted as a Microsoft Word document with 1-inch margins on all sides and a font size of at least 11-point.
- Up to five (5) project photos in JPG format.

If the project is selected, the nominator agrees to provide additional JPG images and supporting text for presentation purposes, as requested.