

## **Nominations for State and National Awards**

### **AIA New York State Award: James William Kidney Gold Medal - Due November 2026**

Recognized as the highest award that AIANYS can bestow on one of its members, the purpose of the Kidney Award is to recognize a lifetime of notable and impactful contributions by an architect to the profession, the professional society, and the community.

The Kidney Award shall be conferred on an AIANYS member who has been a member within the last five years and demonstrated a lifetime of sustained community leadership, thus advancing the profession of architecture through making the community a better place to live. The Kidney Award winner will have also demonstrated an active interest and leadership role in the profession and professional society at the local, state, or national level.

### **AIA New York State Award: Matthew W. Del Gaudio - Due November 2026**

The purpose of the Del Gaudio Service Award is to recognize outstanding and significant service by an AIANYS member to the profession through promoting the profession of architecture.

The Del Gaudio Service Award shall be conferred on an AIANYS member who has provided distinguished service to AIANYS and demonstrated notable competence advancing the profession of architecture. The Del Gaudio Service Award winner will have also demonstrated an active interest and leadership role in AIANYS.

### **AIA New York State: President's Award - Due November 2026**

Established in 1984, the purpose of the President's Award is to recognize outstanding contributions to the profession in education, industry, or government by an AIANYS member. The President's Award shall be conferred on an AIANYS member who, through outstanding efforts of professional competence in nontraditional areas of architectural practice, has demonstrated lasting influence and raised the standards of professional performance and increased the recognition of professional competence by others. The President's Award winner will have also demonstrated an active interest and leadership role in the professional society at the local, state, or national level.

### **AIA New York State: Educator Award - Due November 2026**

Established in 2005, the purpose of the Educator Award is to recognize notable contributions and accomplishments by an architectural educator (does not have to be an AIA member) within New York State.

### **AIA New York State: Firm Award – Due November 2026**

Established in 2005, the purpose of the Firm Award is to recognize notable achievements in design, community service, education, and service to the profession and AIA by an architectural firm within New York State. Projects, accomplishments, and service submitted must reflect a period of at least 10 years.

Projects, accomplishments, and service submitted must reflect a period of at least 10 years in the following categories:

- **CULTURE** | firm and employee culture

- **COMMUNITY** | within the firm, within the AIA, within your larger community, providing examples of lasting positive impacts
- **CLARITY** | clarity of purpose, mission/vision of the firm and examples of its application
- **COMMITMENT** | to client satisfaction; to sustainability goals (internally and for clients); to demonstrating depth and breadth in your work; having a cumulative effect on the profession of architecture; and produced work that is a product of a collaborative environment, consistently addressing the future of architecture while honoring its tradition.

### **AIA New York State: Honorary Member – Due November 2026**

Established in 1989, the purpose of this honorary award is to recognize outstanding and significant accomplishments of a person outside the profession of architecture. Honorary Membership of AIA New York State shall be conferred on a person of esteemed character who is not eligible for regular or associate membership, but who has rendered distinguished service to the profession of architecture or the arts and science allied therein.

### **AIA New York State Award: Frederic Schwartz Community Development – Due November 2026**

Established in 1985, the purpose of the Community Development Award is to recognize and acknowledge projects and individuals who have had a substantial impact on the built environment within the various localities of New York State or on the State as a whole. This Award, in the form of a citation, may be made to any individual, community or civic organization, governmental agency, or private corporation whose efforts have resulted in a significant and positive improvement to the built environment.

Renamed the Frederic Schwartz Community Development Award in 2014, Schwartz founded his own firm, taught architectural design at Harvard, Yale, Penn, Columbia and Princeton, lectured extensively and authored three books. A well known “activist and humanist,” his architectural career has been dedicated to some of America’s most visible waterfront projects.

### **AIA New York State Award: Young Architect – Due November 2026**

The Young Architect Award recognizes notable contributions and accomplishments within the architecture profession by an architect member in New York State who has also demonstrated exceptional leadership.

### **AIA New York State Award: Associate – Due November 2026**

Established in 2005, the purpose of the Associate Award is to recognize notable contributions and accomplishments by an associate member of AIA New York State.

### **AIA New York State Award: Student – Due November 2026**

Established in 2005, the purpose of the Student Award is to recognize notable contributions and accomplishments by a student member of The American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) within New York State.

### **AIA National: Gold Medal – Due September 2026**

The Gold Medal is AIA's highest annual honor, recognizing individuals whose work has had a lasting influence on the theory and practice of architecture. Considered one of the most prestigious awards in the architecture world, the Gold Medal has been received by well-renowned architects such as Denise Scott Brown & Robert Venturi, Paul Revere Williams, Julia Morgan, Angela Brooks, and Lawrence Scarpa.

### **AIA National: Twenty-five Year Award – Submission period opens in late spring/early Summer**

The Twenty-five Year Award showcases buildings that set a precedent. The award is conferred on a building that has stood the test of time for 25-35 years and continues to set standards of excellence for its architectural design and significance.

### **AIA National: Architecture Firm Award – Due September 2026**

Every year, AIA recognizes one (1) firm that has produced notable architecture for at least a decade. It's our highest honor—given to firms on par with past recipients Ehrlich Architects, Eskew+Dumez+Ripple, and Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architects—firms whose passion and practice have earned them a permanent place on our granite Wall of Honor at AIA headquarters.

### **AIA National: Whitney Young Award – Due September 2026**

Civil rights leader Whitney M. Young Jr. challenged architects to assume their professional responsibility to address pressing social issues. Named in his honor, The Whitney M. Young Jr. Award distinguishes an architect or architectural organization that embodies social responsibility and actively addresses a relevant issue, such as affordable housing, inclusiveness, or universal access.

This social engagement isn't restricted to architecture—it can be expressed in any area of the nominee's life or work.

### **AIA National: AIA/ACSA Topaz Medallion for Architectural Education – Due September 2026**

Architecture's future depends on its next generation of leaders—and the educators who impact their lives. The Topaz Medallion honors those who educate others to ensure architecture's enduring excellence.

This award, jointly presented by AIA and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), recognizes outstanding individual contributions in architectural education. It is presented to an individual who has had a significant impact on architectural education and the discipline and practice of architecture. It is the highest award the organizations make to an educator and reflects their joint commitment to recognize service to the profession, academy, and society.

### **AIA National: Award for Excellence in Public Architecture – Due in November 2026**

Great public architecture embodies the identity and values of a society. The Award for Excellence in Public Architecture recognizes architects in the public and private sectors who design distinguished public facilities and public officials, or other individuals, who advocate for the design excellence of public spaces.

### **AIA National: Collaborative Achievement – Due December 2026/January 2027**

The Collaborative Achievement Award recognizes the achievements of allied professionals and architect teams which have advanced the architectural profession.

The Collaborative Achievement Awards recognize the excellence that results when architects work with those from outside the profession to improve the spaces where people live and work.

### **AIA National Award: Associates – Due November 2026**

The AIA Associates Award recognizes exceptional leaders within the Associate AIA membership designation who have made significant contributions to their chapter, community, professional organizations, and/or in the design and construction industries.

Past recipients: Tannia Chavez, International Assoc. AIA and Leslie Tijerina, Assoc. AIA

### **AIA National Award: Young Architects – Due November 2026**

The Young Architects Award honors individuals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the architecture profession early in their careers.

### **AIA National Award: Edward Kemper – Due September 2026**

The Edward C. Kemper Award recognizes a member who has had a significant impact on the profession through service to AIA or an architecture-related organization. The award is the highest service award AIA can confer upon a member. It is named in honor of Edward C. Kemper, who led AIA as executive director from 1914 to 1948.

*Please Note: Submission due dates are estimated based on previous years' deadlines. Each award listed is hyperlinked and will be updated as official submission periods open.*

*If you are interested in being nominated or would like to nominate a colleague for an award, please contact Jamie Teich at [jteich@aiany.org](mailto:jteich@aiany.org). All nominations will be reviewed by the Honors Committee, and selected nominees will be notified promptly.*