



Chicago

Professional Excellence Awards Dubin Family Young Architect Award - 2021

In 2003, the Young Architect Award was renamed the Dubin Family Young Architect Award. Thanks to the generosity of the late M. David Dubin, FAIA, his family and friends, this award has been endowed with a cash prize which is administered by the AIA Chicago Foundation. Entries will be judged by the Foundation board.

Below is important information regarding the preparation of your submission. Failure to comply with the guidelines may result in disqualification of the submission. Please read all the information carefully.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: midnight on Thursday, September 13, 2021

If you have any questions regarding the preparation of your submission, contact [Allison Freedland](#) (312.376-2725), program manager at AIA Chicago.

OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the AIA Chicago Dubin Family Young Architect Award is to recognize excellence in ability and exceptional contributions by architects between the ages of twenty-five (25) and thirty-nine (39) OR licensed 10 years or fewer. The award may be given for exceptional work in a specific area of architectural practice or for general excellence in a wide range of architectural activities. The award is intended to recognize accomplishment in areas including design, management, technology, and professional service.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominees must be between the ages of twenty-five (25) and thirty-nine (39) OR licensed 10 years or fewer, licensed to practice architecture in the United States, actively practicing in the Chicago metropolitan area, and a member of the Chicago Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Nominations may be made by any AIA Chicago member and individuals may nominate themselves. Sitting AIA Chicago and AIA Chicago Foundation board members are not eligible to apply.

JUDGING

The AIA Chicago Foundation, which sponsors this award, will review the nominations. The winner will be notified in October. Additional materials may be requested from the winner to be used in publicizing the award in *Chicago Architect*, in the architecture media, and for the Chapter's website.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

The Professional Excellence Awards will be presented at the chapter's Annual Meeting and Holiday Celebration in December 2021. AIA Chicago requests that the winner refrain from announcing this award

publicly until AIA Chicago announces the news in tandem with the notice of the upcoming Award Celebration and Annual Meeting. AIA Chicago will prepare and distribute a press release about the awardee as well.

SUBMISSION CONTENT AND INSTRUCTIONS

Nomination and recognition is based upon notable contributions to the advancement of the profession of architecture in any one of a number of areas, including:

- design
- science of construction
- research
- urban design
- architectural practice/management
- education
- professional service

The submission should be no more than **thirty (30) pages** (letters of reference and signed statements are **not** considered part of the 30 pages) and must be paginated. The submission should clearly demonstrate the contribution of the nominee within a particular area with the following documentation:

Resume and Statement of Contributions include:

- Concise statement (first 25-35 words of resume) summarizing nominee's achievements;
- List of significant projects; description of the qualities of the projects that are considered notable;
- List of awards, honors, and recognition received for work;
- Books, articles, or other publications written by or about the nominee in connection with areas of specialization, external links may be provided;
- Educational positions held;
- Offices or committee roles in architectural or civic organizations, or voluntary governmental positions held by the nominee.

Project Information: Submit at least four (4) and no more than six (6) projects, emphasizing works of the last five (5) years. For each project, submit a collection of no more than five (5) drawings, photographs, or other graphics. External links to articles, proposals, and other supporting materials may also be included, along with the following data:

- Project Name
- Location
- Completion Year
- Owner/Client Name
- Architect of Record
- Associate Architect (if applicable)
- Photographer (if applicable)
- Project Statement: a statement of no more than 100 words which should identify the project's function and program; the design problems faced by the design firm and the solution of those problems; and **your specific role and responsibilities in the design and construction of the project** and the length of time you worked on the project.
- Statement from the nominee (**copy below and input into submission**)

One video, not exceeding 6 minutes, that answers 3 of the 5 following questions:

- Tell us your story
- Tell us what has brought you here in your career
- Tell us how you give (or plan to give back) to the profession
- Tell us what advice you would give your 18-year-old self
- Tell us about a critical turning point in your career

Letters of Reference: at least three (3) letters from AIA Chicago members should be included in the submission or emailed directly to [Allison Freedland](#) by September 13, 2021. The letters should summarize the notable achievements of the nominee. Up to two additional letters, not necessarily from architects, may also be included in the submission or emailed by September 13, 2021.

- **Statement from the nominee**

I affirm that this entry meets the requirements as stated in the Call for Entries. I verify that the entry is entirely the work of those listed in this form.

_____ Date: _____
Signature of nominee

Print name: _____

- Statement from the designer in charge or a firm principal as follows (copy below and input into submission):

All information should be considered final and complete; it may be used for publication by AIA Chicago. This submission must be approved by the designer in charge or a firm principal in order to qualify for the awards competition.

I agree with the above project information.

_____ Date: _____
Signature of designer in charge or firm principal

Print name: _____

SUBMISSION FORMAT

- Compile the above requirements into one file and submit digitally as a PDF to this link: [Young Architect Award Entries](#).
- Each project submission must be a single file combining all the separate pages of statement, descriptions, project portfolio, and letters of reference (unless letters are sent directly to AIA) into ONE single PDF document. The video is to be submitted separately. **The overall PDF project submission file size cannot exceed 40MB.**
- **Use the following naming conventions for the required submissions:**
lastname.firstname_YoungArchitectAward.
lastname.firstname.video_YoungArchitectAward.

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