

# AIAChicagoFoundation

## AIA Chicago Young Architect Award - 2023

Thanks to the generosity of the late M. David Dubin, FAIA and his family, this award has been endowed with a cash prize of \$2000. The award is administered by the AIA Chicago Foundation. Entries will be judged by the AIA Chicago 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: September 13, 2023**

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

### **OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of the AIA Chicago 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 individuals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the architecture profession early in their careers.

### **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/submissions may be made by any AIA Chicago member and individuals may nominate/submit for themselves. Sitting AIA Chicago and AIA Chicago Foundation board members are not eligible to apply.

### **JURY**

The AIA Chicago Foundation Board of Trustees  
External Jurors

Ralph Johnson, FAIA, Principal and Design Director, Perkins + Will - 1983 Young Architect Winner  
Breah Page, AIA, Senior Project Architect, LBBA - 2023 Dubin Family Young Architect Winner

### **JUDGING CRITERIA**

- The Jury evaluates candidates based on how well the candidate meets the program criteria which include contributions to:
  - The value of design, practice, or education
  - Giving back to the profession through work with the AIA or other industry-related organizations, mentoring, etc.
  - Giving back to the community

The submission should be no more than **20 pages** (the signed statements, letters of reference, and candidate cover information are **not** considered part of the 20 pages) and must be paginated. The submission should clearly demonstrate the contributions of the nominee with the following documentation:

**CANDIDATE INFORMATION:**

Name:

Firm:

Full Address (number, city, state, zip code):

Phone number:

Email address

AIA membership number:

Date of Licensure:

**MATERIALS FOR JURY TO REVIEW: NOT TO EXCEED 20 PAGES TOTAL (statement from the nominee and letters of reference are NOT included in the 20 pages.**

**Resume and Statement of Contributions include: (not to exceed 8 pages)**

- One page nomination letter that summarizes the candidates accomplishments
- Concise statement (first 25-35 words of resume) summarizing nominee's achievements
- Work history – list in reverse chronological order
- Education - list in reverse chronological order
- 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

**Up to six exhibits (two pages each): (not to exceed 12 pages)**

**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
- Design Firm
- 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**)

**Letters of Reference:** at least three (3) letters from AIA Chicago members should be included in the submission. 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. Include letters in the submission or email directly to [Allison Garwood Freedland](#) no later than **September 8, 2023**.

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

The Young Architect Award will be announced in early 2024 and will be presented the award at Designight in September 2024. **AIA Chicago requests that the winner refrain from announcing this award publicly until AIA Chicago makes an official announcement.** AIA Chicago will prepare and distribute a press release about the awardee as well. 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.

- **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 overall PDF project submission file size cannot exceed 40MB.**
- Use the following naming conventions for the required submissions:  
lastname.firstname\_YoungArchitectAward.

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