DEADLINES

Call for Nominations: October 12, 2020
Nomination Package Deadline: December 18, 2020
Selections Made at Virtual Board of Directors Meeting: February 19, 2021

FEES

There is a non-refundable $395 nomination fee for the Firm Award. This fee must be paid online at the time of submission. Late, disqualified, or incomplete packages will not be refunded and credits for next year will not granted. $0 entry fee for all other awards.

ELIGIBILITY

Firm Award
The Firm Award is the highest honor the AIA CA can bestow on an architectural firm. It is intended for firms that have consistently produced distinguished architecture for a period of at least 10 years. Equally important, the award recognizes mentoring, continued collaboration among individuals and significant contributions made by the firm to the profession in areas of design, research, planning, technology, practice and innovation.

- Proven cumulative effect on the profession
- Work shall be a product of a collaborative environment that has consistently directed itself toward the future while remaining respectful of the past
- Developed a culture which educates and mentors the next generation of architects
- Widely known by the quality of its products to both architects and non-archs
- Promotes ethnic and cultural diversity, gender equity, and the inclusion of marginalized groups of citizens through design and/or practice
- Firms may enter themselves for consideration or be nominated by an AIA member(s), or local chapter
- Finalists Present Virtually to the Board of Directors: February 12, 2021

Distinguished Practice Award
This award recognizes significant contributions and accomplishments toward a specific building type or practice area and a career of dedicated commitment to the built environment. This award recognizes an individual architect’s work, their responses to the challenges of an individual building type, innovations within the design and construction process, design excellence, and a collaborative spirit.

The recipient of this award shall demonstrate a career of dedicated commitment to the built environment and innovation in one or more of the following roles:
An advocate for design excellence
A leader in responding to the challenges of an individual building type
Collaborator within the design and construction process
Educator/mentor to other professionals in this practice area
Recipient of professional recognition in a specific practice area
Leadership in other areas which advanced the architectural profession and/or the built environment
A leader in promoting ethnic and cultural diversity, gender equity, and the inclusion of marginalized groups of citizens through design and/or practice
Individuals may be nominated by an AIA member or local chapter

**Lifetime Achievement Award**
This award is presented to an individual (or group) in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the improvement of the built environment and to the profession of architecture in California.

- Not a member of the AIA California Executive Committee within the last three years
- Individuals may be nominated by any AIA member or local chapter

**Norma Sklarek Humanitarian Award**
This award recognizes an architect or architecturally oriented organization for their social responsibility. The type of social issues is purposefully flexible to remain constantly relevant.

- Individuals may be nominated by any AIA member or local chapter

**Lifetime Achievement Award for Healthcare Facility Design**
This award is given in recognition of a career of dedicated commitment to the built environment and in recognition of significant contributions and accomplishments toward the design and development of healthcare facilities in California.

- Background in the design and delivery of healthcare facilities
- Proven career of innovation within the design and construction process
- Design excellence and a collaborative spirit
- Commitment to future generations
- Individuals may be nominated by any AIA member or local chapter

**Honorary Membership**
This award is bestowed on a person who is not eligible for AIA membership, but who has rendered distinguished service to the profession of architecture in California or to the arts and sciences allied therewith.

- A person of esteemed character who is not eligible for membership with outstanding statewide accomplishments
- Individuals must be nominated by a member of the AIA California Board of Directors
NOMINATION PACKAGE GUIDELINES

Each completed nomination package must follow these guidelines:

- 8 ½ x 11 paper size
- Not to exceed 8MB and/or 12 pages
- Font 12 point or larger
- Portrait layout
- Page 1: Nomination Letter
- Page 2: Statement of Contributions
- Page 3: Biography of firm or resume (if an individual)
- Pages 4 – 5: Two letters of recommendation that are explicit in their recommendation
- Pages 6 – 12: Supporting materials and documentation which can include a portfolio, articles, or photographs that support the nomination