



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There is a non-refundable entry fee of \$295 for members, \$495 for non-members, and \$150 for Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) projects or Accessory Structures (projects less than 1,000 sq. ft.)

To qualify:

- California licensed architects may submit built projects located anywhere in the world while architects licensed in other states can only submit projects in California
- Submissions for built projects must be completed on or after January 1, 2014
- Cannot have received an AIA California Design Award for the same project already
- Submit a Project Portfolio
- Submit a Common App

## CATEGORIES

- Single Family Residential
- Multi-Family Residential
- Affordable
- Accessory Dwelling Unit
- Unbuilt
- Accessory Structures

## PORTFOLIO GUIDELINES

Submitted in PDF format, landscape orientation. No more than 8MB and 12 pages.

- Page 1: A readable site plan with North arrow indicated clearly
- Page 2: At least one floor plan, but no more than two
- Page 3: Project sections and elevations
- Page 4: Include at least one sustainable design strategies diagram with a brief description of strategies used
- Pages 6 – 12: Project Photos
  - Must be clear and concise, with a high resolution
  - Limit of 4 photos per page
  - Include one picture of the project within the surrounding area for context

## AIA DESIGN EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK/COMMON APP + TECHNICAL REVIEW

AIA California is aligned with AIA's [Framework for Design Excellence](#) with the integration of 10 key principles into our Residential Design Awards requirements. While California leads the nation with the implementation of zero carbon standards and codes, the framework identifies specific metrics to evaluate buildings that illustrate progress toward a zero carbon, equitable, resilient and healthy built environment.

AIA California Residential Design awards follows AIA's Design Excellence criteria using the Common App. Submittals are encouraged to highlight project performance through narratives and metrics in the [Common App](#). In addition to the Residential Design Awards Jury, each project will be reviewed by a technical jury; three (3) panelists will review each project's success in achieving sustainability and building decarbonization goals; the average score, along with technical review comments, will be given to the Residential Design Awards Jury. Providing incorrect information or failing to provide information will result in a lower technical review score; jurors are less likely to give awards to lower scoring projects.

When filling out the Common App, pay particular attention to Measure 6, Design for Energy and be sure that you are providing the correct EUI information. EUI information can be obtained from energy models or LEED (or similar) documentation. If T24 Compliance documentation was used, see the [instructions](#) and [calculator](#) for calculating site EUI from T 24 compliance documentation.