

2023 RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AWARDS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There is a **non-refundable** entry fee of \$250 for members, \$430 for non-members. To qualify:

- California licensed architects may submit unbuilt or built projects located anywhere in the world while architects licensed in other states may only submit unbuilt or built projects or projects in California
- Submissions for built projects must be completed on or after January 1, 2016
- Cannot have received an **AIA California 2023 Design Award** for the same project
- Submit a Project Portfolio
- Submit a Common App

CATEGORIES*

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

**AIA does not award based on category, please choose the category that aligns closest with your project. Categories are used by the jury for review purposes.*

PORTFOLIO GUIDELINES

Submitted in PDF format, 8.5x11 landscape orientation. No more than 8MB and 12 pages. No firm name.

- 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 5 – 12: Project Photos (Renderings or drawings for unbuilt)
 - 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

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ADDITIONAL TIPS

- Keep project title to a minimum and list the name as you would want it shown in announcement, should your project be selected
- If you list the firm name in your submission package or do not meet all the requirements, your project will be disqualified
- Include the correct name and spelling of the Firm and/or architect of record in your registration form
- Keep file names consistent
- Give yourself plenty of time to fill out the Common App
 - Use the resources on the AIA CA Residential Design Awards webpage
- If you have submitted a project for the 2023 Design Awards, do not register until after it is confirmed the project has not been selected for an award
- For unbuilt projects, please project the common application data and estimate to the best of your ability

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.

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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.

The Common App must be filled out for each individual project.