

# AIA East Bay 'Beyond' Awards 2024

## Eligibility & Submissions Criteria



Celebrating design that honors  
the seen and unseen

### Call For Submissions:

The 16th Annual AIA East Bay Design Awards program recognizes excellence in Architectural Design by AIA East Bay Chapter members, AIA members from other Chapters who have completed projects within the four counties represented by the AIA East Bay Chapter (Alameda, Contra Costa, Napa & Solano), and projects located within the four counties designed by non-AIA affiliated Architects but who have at least one AIA East Bay member on their design team for the submitted project.

Projects that honor the earth's precious resources empathize with site context and promote social equity while equally striving to celebrate the art. The science of Architecture will be strongly encouraged for submission.

All submissions are evaluated by a panel of accomplished jurors, distinguished for their contribution to the profession of Architecture and Design.

### Schedule:

- Deadline for submissions: September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Midnight PT.
- Design Awards Reception & Presentation Gala: November 14th, 2024.
- David Brower Center, 2150 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA 94704

## Eligibility:

Projects designed by AIA East Bay Chapter members located anywhere in the world.

Projects designed by any AIA members located within Alameda, Contra Costa, Napa, or Solano counties.

Projects designed by non-AIA-affiliated Architects located within the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Napa, or Solano with an AIA East Bay Chapter member on their design team for the submitted project.

Built Projects must have been completed since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, and have not previously received an AIA East Bay Design Award.

Projects must be complete at the time of submission except for those submitted to the Unbuilt or Student category.

## Categories:

Projects of all types are eligible for entry: new/ Extension/ Renovation/ Adaptive Reuse/ Restoration of all Building Typologies.

All submissions will be evaluated within the following categories:

- **Adaptive Reuse**, Renovation, or Historic Preservation: Renovations of existing buildings, renovations or preservations of existing buildings, historic preservation of buildings with historical background, or buildings where the original intent has been transformed for a new purpose
- **Mixed-Use**: Buildings with commercial and residential properties
- **Single Family Residential**: Any residential space intended for one-family
- **Multi-Family Residential**: Any residential space intended for two or more families. This category should not include university dorms, hotels, or other commercial, institutional, or education projects.
- **Institutional/Education**: Hospitals, medical centers, all types of schools, universities, and campuses
- **Large Civic Projects**: Courthouses, law enforcement facilities, and community centers
- **Commercial**: Hotels, large corporate offices, and retail spaces
- **Interior Architecture**: Tenant improvements and any project where the interior of a built project has been updated and enhanced
- **Small Project, Object**: Projects under \$500,000 fabrication and installation budget. This could include an art sculpture or art installation
- **Small Project Structure**: Projects under a \$1,000,000 construction budget. This could include a pool house or accessory dwelling unit
- **Student Project**: Projects completed by students actively enrolled or recently graduated from a school located within the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Napa, or Solano.

- **Unbuilt Project:** Projects that have not been built. This might be a passion project of yours or just a great design that is still not built for whatever reason. The only criterion is that either you or your project have a connection with the East Bay.

There are three possible Award levels for each category: Honors, Merits, and citations. All awards and levels are at the jury's discretion. Depending on submissions, not all categories may be represented in the final awards distribution. Judges reserve the right to move projects or combine categories as they see fit.

#### **Special Awards:**

**People's Choice:** AIA East Bay community members vote on their top choice of projects nominated from any category on the event day.

**Beyond Award:** The "Beyond Award" celebrates designs that transcend the visible, embrace inclusivity and equity, and push the boundaries of innovation to reshape our world sustainably and creatively.

#### **How to Submit Your Project:**

Register your projects: Submissions Open August 6th.

#### **Entry Fees:**

**AIA East Bay Members:** \$275

**Non-AIA East Bay members:** \$450

**Students:** \$15 per each application.

#### **Fine Print:**

There is no limit to the number of entries that a firm may submit.

All visual materials submitted must be cleared for public reproduction.

The eligible member credited with the project must be the Architect of record or the Firm of record.

For projects by non-AIA Architects, at least one AIA East Bay Chapter member must be attached to the project and included on the application form.

Make full payment of entry fees by the submission deadline.

**Submission Requirements:**

All submissions shall be completed via the online platform.

All submissions must meet a minimum of one category of the [AIA Framework for Design Excellence](#).

The entry form must be completed with an acknowledgment of AIA East Bay's use of submission information and images as outlined in the full submission guidelines.

All submission materials shall be cleared for release and use by the entrant and AIA East Bay.

All judging is anonymous. No submission shall include any name of the design team in the Descriptive data, images, or submittal materials (other than the confidential entry form).

**FORMAT OF PROJECT SUBMISSION:**

All submittal materials shall be uploaded in PDF format with a consistent visual size/layout. The preferred aspect ratio is 16:9 or 1920 X 1080 pixels, landscape-oriented where possible. Please be mindful to omit firm/architect names, emails, phone numbers, or other identifying text or images anywhere in your submission.

**The first page of all submissions should be a project summary page that includes the following:**

- Project Name
- Project location (City, County, State, Country)
- Substantial completion date (month/year)
- Select a Category of project type
- For unbuilt only: Design completion (month/year)
- Cost (optional)
- Sustainability certification/target (optional)
- Select the applicable category (s) of the AIA Framework for Design Excellence with a brief description of how your project addresses it.
- Descriptive data (300 words maximum)

No less than three and no more than ten image pages, PDF format. (11 maximum pages with captions and photographer credits, including project attributes on the first page.) There is no limit to the number of images, graphics, or text per page. Layout and presentation are at the submitters' discretion, using their best efforts to present their project.

Upon submission, the project materials become the property of AIA East Bay. AIA East Bay will use images from all submitted projects in multimedia presentations at the awards reception, on the AIA East Bay website, and its social media platforms. AIA East Bay reserves the right to use the submissions for publicity and public relations.

All submissions require a client consent form acknowledging the entry of their project into the AIA East Bay Design Awards. You will agree to these via our submission form.

Provide a descriptive summary of 300 words or less demonstrating the comprehensive approach for the project as it relates to celebrating the Art and the Science of Architecture, honoring the earth's precious resources, being empathetic to the site context, and how it promotes social equity.

Here are two examples of past submissions to help clarify the format we are expecting

- [Balboa Park Pool](#)
- [Blackbird](#)

Please submit all requested information via our online submission form. Required fields are marked with an asterisk. Please be sure the information appears EXACTLY as you wish to see it published and listed on the awards certificates. Check the spelling of names carefully. We suggest you print the submission form page in advance, craft your answers, and then cut and paste your final into our form. Complete and submit all parts of the project submission, along with payment of entry fees, by the due date.

For additional submittal information and questions, please email [Info@aiaeb.org](mailto:Info@aiaeb.org).

For opportunities to get involved with the Reception and Design Awards event, please email the Design Awards Committee: [DesignAwards@aiaeb.org](mailto:DesignAwards@aiaeb.org).