Texas Society of Architects

2024 Design Awards
Call for Entries
Extended Deadline: April 2

The Texas Society of Architects Design Awards program recognizes outstanding built architectural and urban design projects by architects practicing in Texas to promote public interest in design excellence.

Entries should demonstrate the following design features: the positive impact on individuals and communities that use the project; effectiveness in accomplishing the goals of clients and users; sustainability and energy efficiency; and appropriateness of visual character. The Design Awards seek to recognize a broad range of project types, addressing a full spectrum of architectural innovations and urban solutions. The scope of projects we encourage encompasses new construction, adaptive reuse, restoration, the renovation of historically significant buildings, and completed urban design projects. To align with AIA National's Framework for Design Excellence, each entry is required to complete the Common App questionnaire to describe how the design addresses sustainability, resilience, and inclusiveness.

The Design Awards jury will convene in April. Once the final selections have been made, winners will be notified and then announced on the TxA website and social media.

Award-winning projects will be published in the September/October 2024 issue of *Texas Architect.*

Entry Checklist
Entries must be submitted online via *Submittable form*. Each entry must contain the following:
- [ ] PDF Presentation (17 slides max)
- [ ] JPEG copy of each slide (17 slides max)
- [ ] Project Description (300 words max, to be included on the second slide)
- [ ] Common App for Design Excellence
- [ ] 2-3 high-resolution images (maximum file size: 3 MB each)
- [ ] Completed submission form via Submittable, with permission from all appropriate parties
- [ ] Entry fee payment (non-refundable):
  - » $250 per entry for TxA and NOMA members
  - » $395 per entry for non-members

Entry Deadline
All entries must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. CT on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

Submit your entry online via *Submittable* or at: texasarchitects.org/design-awards

Project Eligibility
To be considered for a Texas Society of Architects 2024 Design Award, projects must be submitted in accordance with the following requirements:
- » For all architectural projects, construction must have been completed after January 1, 2019.
- » Temporary installations and built studio projects designed by emerging professionals, students, and faculty must have been completed after January 1, 2019.
- » Entries must be submitted by the design architect, who must have been registered with the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners (TBAE) at the time the project was executed. For projects executed in collaboration with other firms, the Entry Form must be signed off on by all contributing firms, with a description of their respective roles. This is done in order to verify proper attribution.
- » Individuals or firms whose primary offices are in Texas may enter any number of projects located anywhere in the world. Texas-registered architects based in another state may enter any number of projects located in Texas.
- » Projects must be submitted in the name of the firm that executed the commission. If that firm has been dissolved, or if its name has been changed, an individual or successor firm may enter projects under the name of the firm in effect at the time the project was executed.
- » Multiple entries for the same project by successor individuals or firms will not be accepted. For multi-building projects, the architect submitting the project or portion thereof must designate authorship of each portion of the project.
- » Special attention should be placed on listing all collaborating firms. All submissions will be reviewed to check for possible omissions.
- » In the event a project receives an award, access to the project will need to be arranged to facilitate the writing of its feature for *Texas Architect.*

Presentation Criteria
- » PDF presentations must contain no more than 17 pages/slides per project; however, each slide may contain more than one image.
- » Floor plans and a site plan or an aerial photo are required.
- » Include graphic scales, directional north arrows, and indications of context and preexisting conditions to ensure a complete understanding of the project. Provide both interior and exterior images of the project.
- » The first slide must include one photo of the project, the project title along with its total square footage and location.
- » A 300-word description (to be included on the second slide) of the project should include evidence of its positive impact on individuals and communities, as well as of the extent to which it achieves client/user goals.
- » Submissions must include a completed *Common App* document demonstrating environmental performance strategies (see Submission Requirements on page 2). While projects do not need to address all aspects of the Framework for Design Excellence, they should showcase performance data and relevant information in this context.
- » The name of the entrant or entrant's firm must NOT be visible on any of the images, slides, or CommonApp; if this happens, the entry may be disqualified.

Special Criteria
- » URBAN DESIGN
  Urban design projects may involve landscape architecture, planning programs, civic improvements, environmental considerations, and redevelopment fixes. Urban design projects must be built to be eligible.
- » INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE
  Include a photo of the building's exterior, along with floor plans and interior photography.
- » RESTORATION/REHABILITATION/RENOVATION
  Projects can range in scope from restoration to the renovation of historically significant buildings. Indicate pre-existing conditions via plans and/or photos.

Specifications

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Presentation Tips

» Order your images so that they tell a clear, concise story.

» Use plans and photos to support the story. Show simplified, clean plans for quick comprehension. Plans should support and complement the photos.

» Select only the best photos to represent your project. You may not need all 17 pages/slides to illustrate the design solution.

» Edit your images for screen presentation. Process and size images accordingly.

» Show images as large as possible on each slide. You may group multiple images on one slide.

» Brief captions or labels help jurors quickly grasp important information.

» Adhere to the digital requirements, making sure your presentation is in PDF format and no larger than 20 MB.

Common App for Design Excellence Resources

» *Download* the Common App Form.

» *Video Explanation* of Common App for Design Excellence. Or check out this *video guide*.

» View the *Framework for Design Excellence*.

» Read the *AIA Memo* regarding The Common App for Awards Alignment.

Submit Online

» *TxA's Submittable Page*

Submission Requirements

The following are guidelines for preparing your entry, which should be submitted online at *texasarchitects.org/design-awards*.

PDF Presentation

» Provide one presentation in PDF format with no more than 17 pages/slides. The file name should be the same as the project name (for example, "JonesHouse.pdf").

» The first slide must include one photo of the project, the project title along with its total square footage and location.

» Slide two of the presentation should include the project description with bullet points and/or a brief paragraph describing the project, all on a white back background. The narrative must describe the project in no more than 300 words. Include program requirements, design solutions, and information supporting objectives such as sustainability, energy-efficient performance, etc. This slide should include the project name; it may also include an image.

» Do not identify the entrant or firm on the slides, images, or in any text.

» Pages should be 11 x 8.5 inches, and oriented horizontally (landscape).

» Font sizes should be 7 pt or larger.

» Presentations should be concise and of high graphic quality. They may not contain sound, animation, video clips, panorama movies, or hyperlinks.

» Each PDF presentation file should not exceed 20 MB.

Public Gallery View

» Provide a JPEG of each slide/page of the presentation. Ensure the final JPEGs of slides are appropriate size for viewing on a screen, saved no larger than 11 x 8.5 inches at 72 or 150 dpi. Each image should be no larger than 2 MB.

» The file name should be the same as the project name plus page number (for example, "JonesHouse_pg1.jpg").

» Upload in the same chronological order as the presentation to Submittable in the appropriate field. These will be used in the public gallery view.

Common App for Design Excellence

» *Download* the Common App, or visit the TxA's Design Awards webpage for more information: *texasarchitects.org/design-awards*.

» The file is a Microsoft Excel document, and must be completed in Microsoft Excel.

» Complete, save, and upload the Common App to Submittable form, in the allocated field.

» Fill in the information to your best ability. If you completed a Common App for the entry in another awards program, you can reuse the same file if it is the same version provided in the download.

High-Resolution Images

» Include 2–3 high-resolution digital images you feel best represent the project. All images must be in JPEG format, no larger than 3 MB each, and at least 5 inches on the shortest side at 300 dpi. The file name of each image should include both the project name and photographer credit (for example, "JonesHouse_photobyJohnSmith").

» Note: By providing these images, the entrant is providing permission for the Texas Society of Architects to use photographs for editorial and promotional purposes.

Completed Entry Form

» Each entry must include a fully completed *Submission Form* approved by all appropriate parties, the Common App, and payment.

Entry Fee Payment

» Entry fee is $250 per entry for TxA and NOMA members, and $395 per entry for non-members. Pay online using a debit or credit card.