



2022 EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN AWARDS

Celebrating Architecture and Design in Central Massachusetts

About the Awards Program

We are highlighting and celebrating design within Central Massachusetts and beyond. Entrants may submit any structure or project type built or unbuilt. There are no specific project type or completion date restrictions. Entries will be evaluated within one of three project categories.

Project Categories

Category #1: AIA CM Architect

Projects designed for any location in the world by an AIA Central Massachusetts (AIA CM) Architect.

Category #2: AIA Architect

Projects designed within one of the 104 Central Massachusetts towns listed in [Attachment A](#) by an American Institute of Architects (AIA) member of an AIA Chapter other than AIA CM.

Category #3: All Other Entries

Projects designed within one of the 104 Central Massachusetts towns listed in [Attachment A](#) by an entrant who is not an AIA member.

Note: Project Exclusions

Individual Projects that have received an AIA CM Design Award in a previous year

Projects submitted by design professionals or their firms serving as jurors for the 2022 AIA CM Design Awards Program are not eligible.

Levels of Award Recognition

- Honor
- Honorable Mention
- Merit
- Best of Competition
- Citation

Schedule and Deadlines

Apply / Register by: **July 8, 2022**

Project Submission by: **August 19, 2022**

Applicant Status Notification: **September 2022**

Awards Dinner: **November 2022**

Jury and Judging Criteria

Jurors will consist of a select group of AIA Architects. The judging criterion is design excellence over a wide range of building and project types, size, and budget.

The jury will determine the extent of design excellence based upon the entrant's presentation of functional aspects, contextual, sustainable, social, cost effectiveness, aesthetic and/or other defined characteristics.

Entrant Notification

By September 30, 2022, all entrants will receive notification of their status. Winning entries will be asked to complete a project information form citing firm, designer, project members to be credited and the completion of photography release form(s).

2-Step Entry Process Instructions

Step #1 – **No later than July 8, 2022**, register your intent to submit your project by completing the AIA CM Design Awards [Online Application Form](#).

Upon completing your on-line application, an anonymous and unique project identification number will be assigned to your project and emailed to you for use when submitting your project submission document.

Step #2 –, Digital project materials submitted as described below, must be received by AIA CM, **no later than August 12**.

Detailed Submission Requirements

All project materials must be combined into a SINGLE PDF DOCUMENT and emailed to AIA.CentralMassachusetts@gmail.com. The package should include:

1. Site Plan, Floor Plan(s) and Building Section(s).
2. Building Design (only), include up to ten images.
3. Interior Design (only), include up to ten images and at least one photo of the exterior
4. Restorations or adaptations up to two additional images of the project in its original condition.
5. Include a brief identification or orientation caption on all images
6. Project members deserving credit
7. Completed photography release form(s).

File Formatting

File Name – Your ‘single pdf document’ MUST contain, the *anonymous and unique identifier* issued at the time of your application.

Apply this unique identifier as a prefix to your *Project Name*. Labeling should consist of ‘*identifier first*’ and ‘*project name second*’, e.g. “12 BIRDHOUSE”.

NO REFERENCE to the identity of the entrant’s or firm’s name should appear in title or any part of your entry materials.

Maximum File Size – Twelve (12) pages at 7MB maximum expanded file size

Graphics – No More than **ONE** Image per page accepted

File Orientation – horizontal (landscape) formatting recommended

Content Requirements

SINGLE PDF Project Submission shall include:

Design Awards Category – Indicate project category based upon 3 AIA CM categories previously defined

Use – Indicate use of project, e.g. Institutional, Commercial, Residential / Single Family, etc.

Location – Indicate project location, i.e. in the “geographic area” or not, include name of Town/City, State, Country

Project Summary – Brief project description (250-word max) including site description, special constraints, total square footage, year of completion, construction budget or cost, and any design challenge solutions.

ATTACHMENT A

Geographic Design Area (Applicable to Category 2 and Category 3 Projects)

Acton	Dunstable	Medfield	Southbridge
Andover	East Brookfield	Medway	Spencer
Ashburnham	Fitchburg	Mendon	Sterling
Ashby	Framingham	Methuen	Stow
Ashland	Franklin	Milford	Sturbridge
Athol	Gardner	Millbury	Sudbury
Auburn	Grafton	Millis	Sutton
Ayer	Groton	Millville	Templeton
Barre	Hardwick	New Braintree	Tewksbury
Bedford	Harvard	Norfolk	Townsend
Bellingham	Holden	North Brookfield	Tyngsborough
Berlin	Holliston	Northborough	Upton
Billerica	Hopedale	Northbridge	Uxbridge
Blackstone	Hopkinton	Oakham	Warren
Bolton	Hubbardston	Oxford	Wayland
Boxborough	Hudson	Paxton	Webster
Boylston	Lancaster	Pepperell	West Boylston
Brookfield	Lawrence	Petersham	West Brookfield
Carlisle	Leicester	Phillipston	Westborough
Charlton	Leominster	Princeton	Westford
Chelmsford	Lincoln	Royalston	Westminster
Clinton	Littleton	Rutland	Weston
Concord	Lowell	Sherborn	Whitinsville
Douglas	Lunenburg	Shirley	Winchendon
Dracut	Marlborough	Shrewsbury	Worcester
Dudley	Maynard	Southborough	Wrentham