



2023 HONOR AWARDS

RECOGNITIONS HONOR AWARDS

GOLD MEDAL

The Gold Medal is the highest honor that AIA Detroit can bestow on individuals. It is conferred by the AIA Detroit Board of Directors in recognition of most distinguished service to the theory and practice of architecture or to AIA Detroit. The Gold Medal is open to an individual AIA Detroit member, or two individual AIA Detroit members who have created a singular body of distinguished architectural work.

The Gold Medal can be awarded posthumously and no more than one may be presented each year. While serving on the AIA Detroit Board of Directors, Board members are ineligible to be nominated for this award.

CHARLES BLESSING AWARD

Presented to any individual. This award is in recognition of someone who shows leadership in planning and civic issues and exemplifies the vision, commitment, and the accomplishments of Charles A. Blessing, FAIA, the visionary Detroit city planner, architect, engineer, and educator who committed himself to the pursuit of a higher quality of life for all.

YOUNG ARCHITECT AWARD

Architect members of AIA Detroit who have been licensed to practice architecture fewer than 10 years by the submission deadline are eligible to be nominated. This award is conferred by the AIA Detroit Board of Directors in recognition of proficiency and exceptional contributions to the profession by young architects. One or more award may be presented at the discretion of the jury.

Nominations for the Young Architect Award must include some form of resume and portfolio of professional work and volunteer experiences, as well as the year the Nominee became licensed.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER AWARD

Presented to an Associate AIA Detroit Chapter member in recognition of emerging professionals who have made significant contributions to the profession of architecture, the community and/or the AIA Detroit Chapter. Candidates must have experience working in the architectural profession, completed an undergraduate degree in architecture, and have been an Associate Member of the AIA Detroit Chapter no more than 10 years.

HONORARY AFFILIATE AWARD

Presented to a non-architect not eligible for AIA professional membership. This award is in recognition of someone of esteemed character and has rendered distinguished service to the profession of architecture and fostered or promoted excellence in architecture. One or more award may be presented at the discretion of the jury.

AIA Detroit members are encouraged to offer nominations along with a letter of support for any award listed here. **Please send all nominations to awards@aiadetroit.com by May 8, 2023. Be sure to include contact information for the individual you are nominating!**