

## **AIA Alabama Accolade Award**

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### **I. Purpose:**

AIA Alabama's Accolade Award is intended to be one of the highest honors it can bestow on a Member. It is intended to be peer recognition of service to the profession and the State of Alabama of the highest order. It is intended that this award be mid-career recognition which will reward achievement and be instrumental in assisting the recipient in receiving well-deserved recognition and honors from others.

### **II. Eligibility:**

- Any architect member of AIA Alabama in good standing is eligible for this award.
- The individual's significant leadership, service, and performance must have extended for a period of not less than 10 years.

### **III. Criteria:**

Candidates will be evaluated based on information submitted as it relates to any or all the following criteria:

- **Design:** The contributions the candidate has made to the advancement of architectural design and to elevating the quality of the built environment in Alabama's communities. The individual shall have made significant contributions to an AIA chapter in the state of Alabama.
- **AIA Leadership:** The contributions the candidate has made to the advancement of AIA and its leadership, either through local, state, regional and/or national chapters.
- **Education:** The contributions the candidate has made to the advancement of architectural education, research, literature, or practice.
- **Civic Leadership:** The contributions the candidate has made through leadership service in public office, the architectural licensing board, state committees, nonprofit boards, design review commissions, etc.
- **Mentorship:** The contributions the candidate has evidenced mentoring the next generation of architect leaders in Alabama.
- **Advocacy:** The contributions the candidate has made in improving legal, political, and regulatory environment for the profession of architecture.

### **IV. Nominations / Submissions:**

Nomination shall be for the current year only and shall not be automatically continued in subsequent years without formal re-nomination.

Any component may nominate an individual for this award. The nominee must be a member of the nominating component. Components may submit more than one Nominee annually. Nominations shall be submitted via email to the email address determined by AIA Alabama; nominations must be received by the date/time determined by AIA Alabama. The Nominator may notify the Nominee, and the Nominee may assist with the nomination information. Each nomination shall substantiate the candidate's eligibility and contain sufficient detail to support the nomination. Each nomination shall contain the following:

- A nomination letter from the nominating AIA component to include:
  - Clearly identify the criteria upon which the nomination is based.
  - Describe the leadership / service / contributions relating to these criteria.
  - The first 25-35 words of the nomination shall be a concise statement of the nominee's achievements and will serve as the introduction at the presentation of the Honor.

- A bio, resume, or curricula vitae of the Nominee.
- A digital image of the nominee (approx. 600 pixels wide x 600 pixels high; approx. 72 dpi; .jpg format); generally head and shoulders of the nominee; and labeled with nominee's first & last name.

Additionally, each Nominee shall fully execute AIA Alabama's "Credited Individual Declarations" and submit the completed form with the nomination.

- Any nomination may also include:
  - Exhibits substantiating the individual's achievements, contributions, architectural designs, etc. Include images, drawings, and/or other materials that best demonstrate the Nominee's outstanding accomplishments. (For architectural design projects, include confirmation the candidate was responsible for the projects listed.)
  - Up to two one-page letters in support of the nomination. Letters should explicitly recommend the Nominee and contain specific reasons supporting the candidate's nomination. Letters should be written on company letterhead [signed with original or electronic signature].

**V. Presentation:**

The Award will be presented annually at a time / venue / manner determined by the AIA Alabama Executive Committee to befit the occasion.

**VI. Selection:**

Selection shall be by AIA Alabama's Honor Awards Committee.

**VII. Symbol**

The symbol of the award shall be such as to distinguish the recipient in his or her daily business attire as well as to be appropriate for wear at formal or semi-formal occasions. The recipient should also receive a token of the award suitable for display on wall or desk of the recipient's place of business.

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