

## **AIA Alabama Gold Medal Award**

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### **I. Purpose:**

AIA Alabama's Gold Medal Award is intended to be peer recognition of one's consistent visionary leadership and service to the profession of architecture in the State of Alabama over a lifetime. It is the highest award bestowed upon an Architect Member whose leadership, service, and contributions have directly benefitted AIA, their community, and/or the design and construction industries. Excellence in leadership and service will be measured not only by the significance of one's individual achievements, but by the high regard and admiration held for the individual by professional practitioners and the community. The Award is also to be instrumental in assisting the Recipient in receiving well-deserved recognition and honor from others.

### **II. Eligibility:**

Any architect Member in good standing of AIA Alabama is eligible for this award. The Member'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 of 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:**

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 (2 pages maximum).
- 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 Nominee'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(s) 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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