ARCHITECTURE EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

ABOUT
The Educator of the Year Award is bestowed upon any educator, faculty member, administrator, or staff person who has furthered the objectives of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) in the role of educating and supporting the next generation of architects. The Institute works to advance our nation’s quality of life. Educator of the Year recipients are consistent with AIA’s values as they stand for:

• Architecture that strengthens our communities,
• Building economic opportunities for architecture firms and architects
• Investing in the future of the profession and society.
• A focus on sustainability in the firm’s projects, especially the impact of climate change through the built environment
• Equity, diversity, inclusion and human rights as it applies to the profession and the built environment

ELIGIBILITY
This award is open to:

• Educators of any rank or appointment (including faculty members, administrators, and staff) employed by and working in either Georgia Institute of Technology, Kennesaw State University or Savannah College of Art and Design’s architectural programs, or any primary or high school actively participating in any of the K-12 outreach programs offered by local AIA chapters, NOMA Atlanta, or Spike Studio inside the state of Georgia.

CRITERIA
Candidates will be evaluated based on information submitted as it relates to one or more of the following:

• An educator, faculty member, administrator, or staff person who over a career demonstrate excellence in architectural education advancing the art and science of teaching design
• An educator, faculty member, administrator, or staff person whose work demonstrates a transferability to other instructional settings
• An educator, faculty member, administrator, or staff person who instills a strong passion for design and the profession among their students

SUBMISSION
All nominations shall be submitted online via our nomination form. Self-nominations are not allowed. Nominations can only be submitted by AIA members in good standing and AIA staff.

Each nomination shall contain the following:

• A nomination letter that summarizes the contributions made as they relate to the criteria of the award, not to exceed one page
• A resume or curricula vitae of the candidate
• An optional nomination package of the individual’s achievements and contributions including images (not to exceed 10 pages)
The Honor Awards Selection Committee is comprised of AIA members in good standing regardless of membership level and which may include local chapter allied members.
BRONZE MEDAL AWARD

ABOUT
The Bronze Medal is bestowed upon any program, firm, institution, or AIA member which has furthered the objectives of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). The Institute works to advance our nation’s quality of life. Bronze Medal recipients are consistent with AIA’s values as they stand for:

- Architecture that strengthens our communities,
- Building economic opportunities for architecture firms and architects
- Investing in the future of the profession and society.
- A focus on sustainability in the firm’s projects, especially the impact of climate change through the built environment
- Equity, diversity, inclusion and human rights as it applies to the profession and the built environment

ELIGIBILITY
This award is open to any of the following:

- an individual responsible for delivering such activity, located in or having impact in Georgia.
- a program, camp, workshop, website, podcast, video, community event, or other medium
- an institution that sponsors, nurtures, or promotes such activity

CRITERIA
Candidates will be evaluated based on information submitted as it relates to one or more of the following:

- The program, institution, or individual shall have made significant contributions to an AIA chapter in the state of Georgia, to AIA Georgia, or to the South Atlantic Region.
- The program, institution, or individual shall have advanced the public understanding and appreciation of the role of architecture in the built environment
- The program, institution, or individual shall have made significant contributions to issues related to architecture in Georgia or the community at large

SUBMISSION
All nominations shall be submitted online via our nomination form. Self nominations for individuals are not allowed. Nominations can only be submitted by AIA members in good standing and AIA staff.
Each nomination shall contain the following:

- A nomination letter that summarizes the contributions made as they relate to the criteria of the award, not to exceed one page
- A resume or curricula vitae of the candidate (if an individual)
- An optional nomination package of the nominee’s achievements and contributions including images (not to exceed 10 pages) or links to key information online.

SELECTION
The Honor Awards Selection Committee is comprised of AIA members in good standing regardless of membership level and which may include local chapter allied members. The jury may recognize no more than two winners in a single year.
EMERGING PROFESSIONAL AWARD

ABOUT
The Emerging Professional Award is bestowed upon AIA members in good standing who have furthered the objectives of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). The Institute works to advance our nation’s quality of life. Award recipients are consistent with AIA’s values as they stand for:

- Architecture that strengthens our communities
- Building economic opportunities for architecture firms and architects
- Investing in the future of the profession and society
- A focus on sustainability in the firm’s projects, especially the impact of climate change through the built environment
- Equity, diversity, inclusion and human rights as it applies to the profession and the built environment

ELIGIBILITY
This award is open to an individual who meets all of the following:

- All Associate AIA Members, as well as any Architect member in good standing, residing and licensed to practice architecture in Georgia
- Initial date of licensure (if licensed) in any US jurisdiction is 1) less than 10 years and 2) first graduation from an accredited school of architecture is less than 15 years ago.

CRITERIA
Candidates will be evaluated based on information submitted as it relates to three or more of the following:

- The contributions the candidate has made to the advancement of architectural design and design discourse, and/or amplified efforts towards political advocacy on behalf of the profession.
- The contributions the candidate has made to the profession through leadership roles in AIA at the local, state, regional, or national level, and/or through leadership level positions in NOMA, the Architecture Foundation of Georgia, or the Architecture Design Center.
- The contributions the candidate has made to the advancement of architectural education at the K-12, college levels, or through efforts to help others achieve licensure or the development of AIA continuing education offerings.
- The contributions the candidate has made towards the betterment of their local community(s).
- The contributions the candidate has made to the nurturing and mentoring of the next generation of architects and/or the development of future leaders of the profession.
- Accomplishments and achievements the candidate has made through early and impactful leadership in their firm/practice/employer or the broader architecture business community.
**SUBMISSION**

All nominations shall be submitted online via our nomination form. Self nominations for individuals are not allowed. Nominations can only be submitted by AIA members in good standing and AIA staff.

Each nomination shall contain the following:
- A nomination letter that summarizes the contributions made as they relate to the criteria of the award, not to exceed one page
- A resume or curricula vitae of the candidate
- An optional nomination package highlighting the individual’s achievements, contributions, and design excellence including images (not to exceed 10 pages)

**SELECTION**

The Honor Awards Selection Committee is comprised of AIA members in good standing regardless of membership level and which may include local chapter allied members. The jury is instructed to identify at least one recipient of this award, but not more than two in a single year.
ARCHITECTURE FIRM OF THE YEAR

ABOUT

The Architecture Firm of the Year Award is bestowed upon a firm whose passion and practice has produced notable architecture and contributions to society for at least a decade and has furthered the objectives of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). Architecture Firm of the Year recipients are consistent with a visible commitment to AIA’s Values:

- Architecture that strengthens our communities
- Building economic opportunities for architecture firms and architects
- Investing in the future of the profession and society
- A focus on sustainability in the firm’s projects, especially the impact of climate change through the built environment
- Equity, diversity, inclusion and human rights in the profession and the built environment

ELIGIBILITY

This award is open to a firm of any size located in Georgia, or the Georgia office of a firm with multiple locations, whether an individual or an organization of architects, in which the continuing collaboration among individuals of the firm, or successor firm, has resulted in the consistent production of distinguished architecture and professionalism for a period of at least ten years from the Georgia office. In the rare occasions where multiple firms have a formal, long term collaboration agreement in place, the jury will be open to a joint application.

CRITERIA

Candidates will be evaluated based on information submitted as it relates to two or more of the following:

- the firm shall have been widely recognized and known for the consistent quality of its design and the Georgia community(s) in which it practices shall know the firm for its contributions.
- the firm shall be known for its contribution to the profession at the local, state, regional or national levels through the engagement and participation of its people in AIA activities and leadership, and/or in the following affiliated organizations: Architecture Design Center, Architecture Foundation of Georgia, The Spike Studio, or the National Organization of Minority Architects.
- the firm's work shall be a product of a collaborative environment that has consistently directed itself toward the future as well as being respectful of the past.
- the firm shall have evidenced the nurturing and mentoring of the next generation of architects.
- the firm shall have demonstrated an exceptional and visible leadership commitment to the AIA Values listed in the About section of this document.
AIA Georgia recognizes that many modern firms engage in a diverse array of practices, such as engineering and other complimentary activities in the AEC space. The jury for the Architecture Firm of the Year Award will be instructed that their analysis of the contributions of the nominee will be limited to the activities of the architecture practice. Concomitantly, nominees should limit their nominations materials to only the activities of their architecture practice by employees in the state of Georgia.

SUBMISSION
All nominations shall be submitted online via our nomination form. Self-nominations for individuals are not allowed. Nominations can only be submitted by AIA members in good standing and AIA staff.
Each nomination shall contain the following:

- A nomination letter that summarizes the contributions made as they relate to the criteria of the award, not to exceed one page
- A brief nomination package of the firm’s achievements and contributions including images, minimum of 3 pages (not to exceed 15 pages).
- A statement on firm letterhead signed by the managing partner certifying that the firm is in compliance with the Unpaid Labor Resolution passed by AIA in 2016 at the AIA National Convention.

SELECTION
The Honor Awards Selection Committee is comprised of AIA members in good standing regardless of membership level and which may include local chapter allied members.
BERNARD B. ROTHSCILD AWARD

ABOUT

The Rothschild Award is the highest honor that AIA Georgia can bestow on members, alive or deceased. This award is in honor of Bernard B. Rothschild FAIA who served the profession at many levels through his leadership and active participation throughout his career. The award is bestowed in recognition of the architect (or architect partners) who has exhibited the broadest and most distinguished service throughout their career to the profession of Architecture in the State of Georgia. This award may or may not be given every year, and only one may be awarded each year.

ELIGIBILITY

This award is open to an individual(s) who meet all of the following:

- AIA Georgia Architect member in good standing. In rare cases where a nominee has worked the preponderance of their career in partnership with another architect, the selection committee may choose to bestow the award to more than a single individual.
- If the nominee has held a leadership role in their firm or employer, this firm or employer should not have engaged in the use of Unpaid Labor (see 2016 adopted policy resolution of the AIA) in the most immediate preceding 10 years of their career.

CRITERIA

Candidates will be evaluated based on information submitted as it relates to two or more of the following:

- **Design**: The contributions the candidate(s) has made to the advancement of architectural design and to elevating the quality of the built environment in Georgia’s communities.
- **AIA Leadership**: The contributions the candidate(s) has made to the advancement of AIA and its leadership, either through local, state, regional and/or national chapters.
- **Education**: The contributions the candidate(s) has made to the advancement of architectural education.
- **Civic Leadership**: The contributions the candidate(s) has made through leadership service in public office, the architectural licensing board, state committees (such as building codes, etc.) nonprofit boards, design review commissions, etc.
- **Mentorship**: The contributions the candidate(s) has evidenced mentoring the next generation of architect leaders in Georgia.
- **Advocacy**: The contributions the candidate(s) has made in improving the legal, political, and regulatory environment for the profession of architecture.
All nominations shall be submitted online via our nomination form by an AIA Georgia member in good standing. Self nominations for individuals are not allowed.

Each nomination shall contain the following:

- A nomination letter that summarizes the contributions made as they relate to the criteria of the award, not to exceed two pages.
- Supporting materials, letters of recommendation, and other documents, not to exceed 10 additional pages.
- A statement on firm letterhead signed by the firm’s leadership certifying that the firm is in compliance with the Unpaid Labor Resolution passed by AIA in 2016 at the AIA National Convention.

A jury of at least three individuals made up of the most recent past winners of the Rothschild Award, or those appointed by the AIA Georgia President, Executive Director and/or Fellowship Committee.

*The Rothschild Selection Jury may also consider candidates internally, using the same criteria.*
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PRESIDENTS’ CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

ABOUT

The Certificate of Service is bestowed upon any individual who has furthered the objectives of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). The Institute works to advance our nation’s quality of life. Certificant of Service recipients are consistent with AIA’s values as they stand for:

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ELIGIBILITY

This award is open to any of the following:
- an individual who has contributed to the success of an AIA Georgia, NOMA Atlanta, or an AIA local chapter/section sponsored endeavor, including but not limited to programs, committees, Task Forces, conference, etc.

CRITERIA

Candidates will be evaluated based on information submitted as it relates to one or more of the following:
- The individual’s contributions and commitments to said program/project

SUBMISSION

All nominations shall be submitted online via our nomination form. Self nominations for individuals are not allowed. The AIA Georgia Presidents may also identify potential winners outside of the online nominations process.

Each nomination shall contain the following:
- A nomination letter that summarizes the contributions made as they relate to the criteria of the award, not to exceed one page

SELECTION

Recipients of this award will be chosen by the AIA Georgia President, Past President and President-Elect.