



## Young Architect Representative, Statewide

*A national leadership position within the AIA, representing young architects across the state of Georgia. This prestigious role for a Young Architect provides immense opportunities for the successful candidate to impact policies and influence the profession. Additionally, the position offers the Young Architect Representative (YAR) the opportunity to develop lifelong, powerful relationships with their peers from across the country, plus multiple U.S. territories. Unlike in most states, Georgia identifies its Young Architect Representative through a biyearly election process, ensuring that this important leadership role is filled by the will of all AIA Georgia members.*

### About

The Georgia Young Architect Representative (YAR)<sup>♦</sup> is responsible for serving their state's Young Architects and providing a strong voice of leadership at the state and national levels of AIA. Young Architect Representatives are responsible for gathering information about issues facing young architects within their geographic areas and disseminating information about activities at AIA National, NCARB, and from states around the country, and resources for use on the local level.

Of equal importance, the Young Architect Representative serves as an important link between young architects, Young Architect Forum functions at local chapters in Georgia, and at the national organization. A full list of required responsibilities, and optional opportunities (for the YAR who wants to get the most out of the role) are listed below.

### Eligibility

Georgia architects in good standing with AIA, and who obtained their first professional license after January 1, 2014 may stand for election for this important position. The Young Architect Representative position is a two-year term running from 1/1/24 to 12/31/25. Candidates cannot be Associate AIA, International AIA, Honorary AIA, or Allied Members.

### Submission Requirements

1. Letter of interest from the candidate, stating their credentials and their goals in the position, for how they will serve the state's young leaders.
2. Up to two (2) letters of recommendation from AIA GA members. These letters should be merged into a single PDF document, and not attached separately.

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<sup>♦</sup> *NOTE: This position was formerly known as the Young Architect Regional Director for the South Atlantic Region. AIA members voted in 2021 to eliminate the regional level of AIA governance, and this role has now transformed into a very similar position – but at a state level, rather than regional.*

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3. A resume outlining previous leadership roles and involvement at AIA, NOMA, and other design-focused entities. This document should also make clear leadership roles in the candidate's firm or employer, and any community or business based leadership roles in their career. This resume may include roles, titles and responsibilities in the applicants professional position, but SHOULD NOT include a design portfolio.
4. A letter of commitment from the applicant's firm/employer leadership that recognizes the firm understands the time needed to perform adequately in the YAR role, and that the firm supports their participation in this role.

### **Required Responsibilities of Young Architect Representatives**

- Maintain quarterly communication with all Young Architect Forum (YAF) chapters in Georgia.
- Serve as a conduit between Georgia YAF chapters and the National YAF. Disseminate and collect information to/from local chapters as requested.
- Serve and participate in YAF National Work group(s)
- Attend and participate in YAF National update calls (monthly or bi-monthly).
- Serve on Annual ASPIRE XP Conference Committee: work with counterparts in neighboring states to create the Young Leaders learning track for Associates and Young Architects.
- Communicate with Georgia's Strategic Council, National Associates Council, and College of Fellows representatives on a quarterly basis about how to work together to support each other's efforts.
- Attend the following events annually:
  - > *YAF National Annual Meeting*: a 2-day meeting held in January/early February in person; location TBD.
  - > *Aspire XP Conference* (virtual and/or in-person)
  - > *State conferences/business meetings* where applicable.
- Support and encourage young architects in Georgia to pursue leadership roles, submit for award recognition, and join influential working groups. Identify, suggest and encourage Georgia's young architects for state and national awards, apply for the Christopher Kelley Leadership Development Program, run for chapter leadership roles, and/or join key committees/subcommittees – providing a pipeline of young leaders for future roles in the profession.
- Assist the AIA Georgia Nominations Committee in identifying potential successors to the role during the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the term.
- Serve on the Georgia AIA State Council, comprised of the leadership of each local chapter and section in Georgia, the Architecture Foundation of Georgia, NOMA Atlanta, the Statewide Associates Representative, Strategic Council Representative, and the Executive Committee of AIA Georgia.

- Attend AIA Georgia Board meetings when available, provide regular updates to the Georgia Board, and – if asked – serve in an ex-officio role on the Board.

### **Other Roles and Opportunities for the Young Architect Representative**

- > Maintain quarterly communication with all YAR counterparts in NC/SC/GA & others in the Southeast
- > Additional opportunities for National and Local committee involvement (in AIA National Knowledge Communities and Strategic Council work groups)
- > Opportunities for Panel discussions and webinars, serving as a YA subject matter expert
- > Advancement in career growth and leadership skills
- > Networking and connections with statewide, regional, and national leaders in the architecture profession
- > Participate in AIA National Board Visibility calls – monthly
- > Attend the AIA Leadership Summit, Aspire XP Conference, and/or AIA Women’s Leadership Summit.\* Note that AIA Georgia will not provide funding for the YAR to attend the AIA National Conference on Architecture in its current form (but may do so if future iterations increase the focus on leadership training).

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\* AIA National pays for travel to the annual YAF gathering, and AIA Georgia provides an annual stipend of \$2,500 for travel to State Council meetings, AIA Leadership Summit, Women’s Leadership Summit, and the Aspire XP Conference, and travel to local chapter events across Georgia.

# Young Architects Forum

**AIA** Member group

The Young Architects Forum (YAF) is a member group of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and is organized to address issues of particular importance to recently licensed architects (within 10 years or less of first licensure). Young Architect Representatives represent young architects within AIA at the state and national level. The work of the committee is divided into 4 categories: **Responsive, Informative, Generative, and Collaborative.**

2023 marks the first year under the 5-year Strategic Initiative **Architects in Action; Catalyzing for Change.**

Focus Group work will fall into one of three Priority Areas: **Advocate [For Change], Educate [For Impact], & Diversify [For the Future].**

