

# Western Massachusetts AIA Design Awards

**DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2010**

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## Eligibility

Any building type anywhere in the world completed at any time in the last ten years (after January 1, 2000) is eligible if the architecture firm/architect-of-record currently has its principal office in Western Massachusetts, which is defined for the purposed of this program as Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties. AIA membership is not required.

Eligible projects may be new construction or renovations and may be projects for private or public clients. Un-built projects will be judged in a separate category. Projects that previously received awards through this program are not eligible.

Any eligible architect/firm may submit any number of qualifying entries provided each is submitted separately with the appropriate fee described on the back of this sheet.

## Criterion

The foremost judging criterion is design excellence. The jury is empowered to determine the extent to which design excellence is informed by sustainable, regional, contextual, social, or other characteristics.

## Jury

The jurors include: Edgar Adams, Professor & Architecture Program Coordinator, School of Architecture, Art & Historic Preservation, Roger Williams University; Mark Mistur AIA, Professor & Associate Dean, School of Architecture, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; and Carol A. Wilson, FAIA, Carol A. Wilson Architect, Falmouth, Maine

## Entry Fees

Each submission must be accompanied by a check or money-order payable to WMAIA. The non-refundable fee is \$75 for WMAIA members and \$125 for all others. The fee for additional submissions by the same architect or firm is \$40 for WMAIA members and \$100 for all others. Fees include return of portfolio. The fee for payment should be placed in an envelope with a piece of your letterhead. The words "WMAIA 2010 Awards" should be typed on the envelope. If you wish to charge this entry fee to a credit card, simply type on the piece of your letterhead you are enclosing the name of the credit card (MC, Visa or American Express), the credit card number and expiration date, the name printed on the credit card, the amount being charged to the card, and the name and daytime phone number of the individual who should be called if there are any questions about his credit card.

## Deadline

All submissions must reach the office of the WMAIA Executive Director by 4:00 p.m. by Wednesday, September 15, 2010. The address is 71 South Main Street, Sunderland, MA 01375.

## Awards

Awards will be presented at WMAIA's Annual Meeting in December. All projects will be recognized at this special event. Publication of the honored projects also will be sought by WMAIA. Projects submitted for this program will be highlighted on the "featured projects" page of our website ([wmaia.org](http://wmaia.org)) for the next two years.

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### Submissions

The jury will make its decision based on the following materials submitted in a portfolio format no larger than 11"x14":

- Up to twelve color or b&w photos or high-quality photocopies illustrating exterior and interior views of the project. In addition, drawings (site plan, typical floor plan(s), elevation(s) and/or sections(s) etc.) should all be reduced to fit into the 11"x14" portfolio format.
- A **typed outline** (not to exceed one page) noting the name and location of the project; project type and what part of it (if not all of it) you did; type (not name) of the client; program and special constraints; site description; design solution; indicate if the design is original or an adaptation of a prototype; unusual/innovative building components; sustainable design elements (energy-efficiency, appropriate land use, minimized ecological impact, etc.); universal design elements; materials used; parking spaces, completion date (year); construction budget; cost s/f; and describe others involved in the design process (users, artists, neighbors, etc). **Please note clearly if this is an unbuilt project.**
- **Do not** include the name of the architect or firm on this sheet. Type the words "WMAIA Awards" at the top right-hand corner of the page.
- For restoration projects, include one or two images showing the original structure.
- For interior projects, include one or two images of the project exterior (and note on the one-page information sheet whether or not you also designed the exterior.
- For unbuilt projects, submit as many of the required drawings as possible.
- One sheet of your letterhead with typed identification of the project and its location, your firm name, your firm mailing address and daytime telephone number. Please also include contact information for associated design firms (if any), consultants, contactor, and the client's name exactly as you wish to see it on the awards certificates.
- In addition to the portfolio, a disk containing minimum 2/maximum 4 of the images as 300-600dpi jpg or tiff. Please include on the disk the project name, location, designers & a brief project description (these images text will be used for the awards presentation, and for our website and newsletter). **Please include photo credits.**

### Return of Materials

Attach a single page to the inside of the front cover of the binder with a contact name and return address. Portfolios not picked up at the Awards ceremony in December will be returned via USPS. Do not send a self-addressed stamped envelope.

### Questions?

For questions call or write WMAIA at 413-665-2424/director@wmaia.org

*The Western Massachusetts AIA Design Awards Program recognizes and honors excellence of all types of building designed by architects — members and non-members— practicing in the Western Massachusetts region.*