

## WRSA Architectural Recognition Awards Program

### Criteria and Submission Outline / 2019

The WRSA Recognition Awards Program is intended to honour individuals (i.e. architects, owners, allied professionals, community members or students) that have made a valuable or significant architectural / cultural contribution to the local community. Contributions may have been made through professional practice, support, activism or patronage.

Award Categories are outlined below and a maximum of one (1) "Award of Merit" will be presented in each category or sub-category (if applicable). The categories are organized as follows:

#### AWARDS OF MERIT - DESIGN EXCELLENCE (Category 1)

##### Subcategory 1A

**"Design Excellence Award / Built"** (An "Award of Merit" may be presented pending submissions)

Award Statement: Awarded to a firm or individual for the creation of innovative spaces or buildings that respect and enhance the local environment, while enriching the local community. The project must be currently under construction or have been built within the last five (5) years.

##### Subcategory 1B

**"Design Excellence Award / Proposal or Study"** (An "Award of Merit" may be presented pending submissions)

Award Statement: Awarded to a firm or individual for the creation of innovative spaces, buildings or communities that respect and enhance the local environment while enriching the local community. The project must not be built.

##### Design Excellence Nomination Criteria

Each entry is to be submitted as a PDF file, consisting of up to eight (8) pages in horizontal or vertical format no larger than 11" x 17" and a maximum file size of 20 MB. To facilitate in the judging process, an additional single feature image of the project is required, not to exceed 3 MB in size. Please ensure to give photo credit if applicable as outlined on the submission form.

Each entry should include drawings and/or images that highlight the site plan, floor plans, sections, elevations and/or other relevant views.

Each entry should include a project title and text of up to 500 words on the first page of the PDF, consisting of a brief description of the project. Additional descriptive text of up to 1000 words more may be included within the PDF file.

*Optional:* You may also submit a video up to two (2) minutes in length to explain the key concepts of your proposal. To submit the video, first upload it to a YouTube account. Then paste the YouTube link in the video section of the submission form. Also, include the link on the first page of your PDF submission. Please do not include links to any additional audiovisual materials, as they will not be considered.

## AWARD OF MERIT – PROFESSION AND PRACTICE

### (Category 2)

**“Professional Recognition Award”** (An “Award of Merit” may be presented pending submissions)

Award Statement: Awarded to a prominent local member of the architectural profession who is retired or deceased.

#### Nomination Criteria

Each entry should include a text of up to 1000 words in the form of a PDF, consisting of a brief description of the member’s career including contributions and accomplishments. The highlighting of key projects (if applicable) should be included with the nomination by using photos or imagery and up to an additional 500 words within the PDF document. Please ensure to give photo credit if applicable as outlined on the submission form.

Each entry is to be submitted as a PDF file, consisting of up to eight (5) pages in horizontal or vertical format no larger than 11” x 17” and a maximum file size of 20 MB. To facilitate in the judging process, an additional single feature image of the individual being nominated is required, not to exceed 3 MB in size.

*Optional:* You may also submit a video up to two (2) minutes in length to justify your nomination. To submit the video, first upload it to a YouTube account. Then paste the YouTube link in the video section of the submission form. Also, include the link on the first page of your PDF submission. Please do not include links to any additional audiovisual materials, as they will not be considered.

## AWARD OF MERIT – CULTURAL

### (Category 3)

**“Cultural Recognition Award”** (An “Award of Merit” may be presented pending submissions)

Award Statement: Awarded to an organization / agency or member of the general public that has contributed significantly to architecture or an understanding of the built environment and its impact on culture and society as a whole.

#### Nomination Criteria

Each entry should include a text of up to 1000 words in the form of a PDF, consisting of a brief description of the individual’s contributions and accomplishments. The highlighting of key projects (if applicable) should be included with the nomination by using photos or imagery and up to an additional 500 words within the PDF document. Please ensure to give photo credit if applicable, as outlined on the submission form.

Each entry is to be submitted as a PDF file, consisting of up to eight (5) pages in horizontal or vertical format no larger than 11” x 17” and a maximum file size of 20 MB. To facilitate in the judging process, an additional single image portraying the individuals highlighting the contributions should be included, if possible. The image is not to exceed 3 MB in size.

*Optional:* You may also submit a video up to two (2) minutes in length to explain the key concepts of your nomination. To submit the video, first upload it to a YouTube account that does not identify you or your firm by name. Then paste the YouTube link in the video section of the submission form. Also, include the link on the first page of your PDF submission. Please do not include links to any additional audiovisual materials, as they will not be considered.

## SUBMISSIONS PROCESS AND DEADLINE

### Process

A single jury consisting of industry professionals, educators and peers will adjudicate all categories of the awards. The members of the jury will be announced at a later date.

The process of judging nominees will generally be by consensus and include as a minimum:

- consideration of all entry material for each entry against the Award Statement.
- preparation and the presentation of a written citation for each award winning project.
- provision of a written account of the jury process and decisions, upon request.
- keeping all decisions strictly confidential until they are officially announced on Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019.

Materials and information for assessment will be in accordance with the entry requirements. Jurors are required to make judgement on the quality of the project and not its presentation. Any doubt regarding the appropriateness of an entry in a particular category is to be determined by the Jury, where applicable the Jury may choose to consider projects in categories other than the category that the project was originally entered in, combine categories or create new ones based on their review of the submissions.

### Submission Requirements and Deadline

- **All submissions must be made by a WRSA member in good standing as of October 1, 2019.**
- Complete entries including all required forms, images and statements are to be emailed to: [secretary@wrsarchitects.ca](mailto:secretary@wrsarchitects.ca) on or before **Friday, October 4, 2019 at 4:00 PM EST.**
- The deadline will be strictly observed.

### Fees

There is no fee to submit an entry.

### Multiple Entries

Multiple entries are encouraged. Each entry must be submitted as a separate e-mail complete with all of the submission requirements. Submissions must be relevant or sited in the WRSA catchment area. **All submissions must be made by a WRSA member in good standing as of October 1, 2019.**

## RECOGNITION

### Notification of Winners

Award winning submissions will be formally notified on Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019. The applicant who made the submission will be notified by email and or telephone.

### Recognition

All eligible projects will be showcased and award winning submissions will announced at a WRSA Awards presentation event being planned for November 2019. Submissions become the property of the WRSA and are subject to promotion in electronic, social, and/or print media, including the WRSA Website. The WRSA ensures that proper credit (as per the details on the awards submission forms) will be given.

## QUESTIONS

Please direct any questions you may have regarding the 2019 WRSA Recognition Awards to [secretary@wrsarchitects.ca](mailto:secretary@wrsarchitects.ca)