

ArCHdes™

Design Excellence Selection

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ArCH: Architects Creating Homes Design Awards Program

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Submittals Due

May 18, 2017
3PM (EDT: NYC USA time)
Do not submit before
May 18, 2017

What is this?

A design awards program for Licensed Architects who design residential architecture, usually single family homes. Projects designed and/or built within the last 12 years (not previously entered in ArCHdes)

What is ArCH?

ArCH is an American-based international organization of Licensed Architects focusing on residential architecture, professional excellence, achievement, Client value & service.

www.ArCHomes.org

Why should I enter?

Do your projects actually LOOK more like houses? You may do well. So will contemporary, historic, mainstream, transitional and other styles of homes that have design quality. There is room for ALL styles of design. No one "style" or type is preferred.

This is Not a "competition," but rather: a celebration of design quality no matter what the stylistic exterior. And if what you've designed is excellent, then your chances of winning a design award are good.

Would you like to be able to claim that you and your company create award-winning residential architecture? And be able to proudly display the award on your website and in your firm's marketing materials? Then you ought to consider entering.

Number of Awards

There is no set number. If a submittal displays top quality residential architecture, it will likely be seriously considered for an award.

Categories

There are multiple categories. See below.

Number of Entries

Each person/firm is limited to no more than 4 entries per year.

Decisions Final

The Jury's decisions are final. No discussion will be possible.

Last Year's Winners

[2016 ArCHdes™ winners](#)
(click on above)

Type of program

ArCHdes™ is the first totally digital, electronic design awards program. Totally green. Zero carbon footprint. No binders, no paper, no snail-mail, no FedEx, no hotels, no problems. And very economical. The focus is on design, not analog ways of doing things in the past. Be part of the future of residential architecture.

Request that you forward to other residential Architects

Whether you decide to participate or not (we hope so), please forward this notice to other Licensed Architects that you know that create residential architecture. Thank you very much.

Who's eligible to enter

1. You must be a Licensed Architect anywhere in the USA or the world, from a recognized Board of Architecture authority.
2. You must be a member of ArCH. [click here to join ArCH](#)

Date of Awards

This will depend on the number of submittals. The intention is to make the awards online, electronically, directly to each winner, within 30 days after the date of submittals. This could be extended, if a large number of entries are made.

Public Notice of Winners

ArCH will post the names of winners and for what type of projects on the ArCH website. Any other publication may or may not additionally occur.

Nature of Awards

In keeping with the 100% electronic nature of the ArCHdes awards program, the awards will be in the form of a tastefully designed JPG image of the award, which you will be able to proudly display on your website and related materials. There is presently some discussion about the possibility of also having a 3D model of the awards available at your own additional cost for production at another outsourced entity, being run on 3D printers.

Cost to enter ArCHdes™

\$49 USD. Non-refundable.

You must pay first, before entering.

Payable through PayPal here:

[Click here to enter & pay for ArCHdes™ 2017](#)

Payment due no later than May 8, 2017, 3PM EDT (NYC USA time)

Cost to join ArCH

\$159/year USD. Non-refundable.

Payable through PayPal here:

<http://www.archomes.org/product/arch-membership>

Nature of submittals

PDFs.

Each PDF page <0.5(Less than one-half)MB.

Provide in this order & named & numbered as follows:

1. **PDF Page 1: Submittal #** _____ (use your initials (first, middle, last) then, **indicate the date you paid** using numbers, such as:

"5/18/2017" immediately after your initials, separating the date from your initials with a dash. E.g.: GLM-5/18/2017)

THEN, DO **NOT** SUBMIT A SINGLE GIANT PDF. READ THE FOLLOWING:

2. **PDF Page 2:** Site Plan PDF.
3. **PDF Page 3a, 3b, 3c, etc.:** Floor Plan(s) PDF.
4. **PDF Page 4 :** Elevations PDF.
5. **PDF Page 5:** Building Section PDF.
6. **PDF Page 6:** Any 3D imagery (your choice: may be YouTube URL linked video, or 3D digital still images (PDFs), if you have any. Not a requirement, but nice to see if you have them, including photos of built projects). **Do NOT send giant video files**, but rather, links.
7. **PDF Page 7:** Text PDF Project Info page: You declare style, size, type:
 - a. STYLE: Mainstream, Mountain, Arts & Crafts, Coastal, Traditional-Historic-Classic, Transitional, Farm House, Contemporary, Castle/ European, Shingle Style, Southwestern Desert, Urban, Other. Do not sweat this: you make the choice.
 - b. SIZE: Large, Medium, Small, Tiny.
 - c. TYPE: New custom home, Renovation-Addition, Technical-Research, Other, Unbuilt, Built.
 - d. Description of judged characteristics (you provide no more than 30 words per aspect):
 - 1) Form-Aesthetics-Design Concept Rationale.
 - 2) Functional characteristics.
 - 3) Space use efficiency.
 - 4) Energy efficiency.
 - 5) Client Lifestyle accommodation.
 - 6) Coordination with the land.
 - 7) Cost effectiveness.
 - 8) Other aspect of special note.

8a. Do NOT include any identification of the firm, person or otherwise identify the company or Architect on the PDFs and related submittal that is meant to be seen as part of the design submittal above.

8b. **PDF Page 8:** Provide an "ID page" as a separate PDF, clearly labeled: "Submittal ID", with your identification and your company's name, contact phone, email addresses and physical address on the page, not in the title.

9. **PDF Page 9:** Provide electronically dated and signed Disclaimer, Copyright, Privacy Policy & Release PDF page, agreeing to the Release statement below (making no changes).

10. Page 10 email: save all the above PDF pages to your DropBox Cloud Server account in your PUBLIC folder. Now provide a single email page with ALL of the LINKS to these files listed on the email, one link per horizontal line. You right click on each file & select "Copy Public Link" then paste that on the link listing email page you are making for ArCH. Include your SUBMITTAL # (per item 1 above) as the subject line of the email.

11. Send ONLY THE SINGLE EMAIL PAGE (per item 10 above) with the links listed on it to: Rand@HomeArchitects.com on the specified date and time for Submittals Due. **This single emailed page IS your entire submittal, as it contains links to your DropBox files.** Please delete any automatic signoffs identifying who you are from this email.

Why would I want to join ArCH?

See advantages here:

<http://www.archomes.org/whats-in-it-for-me>

Disclaimer, Copyright, Privacy Policy & Release:

All submittals are required to provide an electronic signed & dated copyright release as stated exactly as below from the creators of photos and other images and designs included in the submittal:

I, _____ on this date:

(full legal name, phone number, email address, physical address and firm name creator of any and all images & photographs provided for the ArCHdes™ awards program) do hereby agree to the following regarding the use of all photographs, designs, documents, plans and other imagery from myself, as the creator of the images, allowing ArCH (Architects Creating Homes, LLC) to use such imagery in any way ArCH desires and deems appropriate for marketing purposes, primarily on ArCH's website and other promotional ArCH materials. Furthermore, no one has any other copyright on the materials I have sent to ArCH that will result in any sort of legal or other copyright infringement action against myself or ArCH, due to the use of the materials in this ArCHdes™ program and other related marketing efforts engaged in by ArCH and the use of these materials and images I provided. I agree to protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless ArCH from any actions from myself and others as a result of my forwarding these images to ArCH, should any repercussions result from use of the images. I have read and understand the ArCHwebsite Privacy Policy here:

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