

# A+Awards - Official Rules

Architizer, Inc. (“Architizer”) is organizing and administering the A+Awards (the “Awards”) which are subject to these Official Rules (the “Rules”). Participation in the Awards constitutes your agreement and acceptance of these Rules. In addition to these Rules, your participation in these Awards is subject to all applicable federal, state, local, and municipal laws and regulations, as well as your compliance with our [Terms of Use](#).

## Eligibility

The Awards are open to those who sign up at [awards.architizer.com](https://awards.architizer.com) (the “Awards Website”) and are at least 18 years of age as of the date of entry (each a “Participant”). The Awards are open to legal residents of any country worldwide, except for any country or territory that is subject to sanctions by the United States. The Awards are void where prohibited by law.

Employees, such employees’ immediate family members, and those living in the same household as such employees of any of the following entities are not eligible to participate in the Awards:

- Architizer;
- Architizer’s sponsors;
- Architizer’s suppliers;
- Companies associated with the promotion of the Awards; and

Any affiliates, subsidiaries, advertising agencies or promotion agencies of the foregoing.

## How to Enter

In order to enter the Awards, you must submit an entry using the online form provided on the Awards Website. Participants must accurately complete all required fields. Incomplete entries will be disqualified.

## Entry Fees

Entry fees and deadlines are published on the Awards Website [Fees and Deadlines Page](#).

## Submission Format

The materials required for submission are published on the Awards Website [Entry Process Page](#). The entry must meet all Awards requirements, including those set out in these Rules, and be paid for to be deemed a completed entry and eligible for judging. Incomplete entries or entries that do not meet the requirements and specifications set forth in the Rules will be disqualified.

Participants can submit multiple entries. Any attempt to circumvent any of the Rules will result in immediate disqualification from the Awards.

## Awards Period - start and end dates

The Awards period start and end dates (the “Awards Period”), as well as entry deadlines, and winner announcement dates are published on the Awards Website [FAQ Page](#). Entries that are submitted before or after the Awards Period will be disqualified.

## Original Content; Ownership

By participating in the Awards, each Participant represents and warrants that they are the exclusive owner of the copyright and all other proprietary rights in any and all materials and content submitted by the Participant to enter the Awards, including with respect to any materials produced in part by any form of artificial intelligence. The Participant further certifies and guarantees that they have the right to grant to any third party the right to use, reproduce, distribute, perform and display any photo, text, and/or other content or materials submitted as part of the entry. All entries must have appropriate clearances, permissions and releases prior to uploading any content to the Awards Website. Any unauthorized use or submission of a third party’s content or materials could be subject to fines, royalty fees, and legal action for which the Participant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold Architizer and its affiliates harmless. Any entry that violates this provision will be disqualified.

## Sustainability Criteria (for Sustainability Categories Only)

Entries in the Sustainability Categories must also meet the minimum eligibility requirements described in the Awards Website [Eligibility & Guidelines](#) page. Participants entering in any Sustainability Category must certify and guarantee that their project meets the sustainability criteria they represent in the entry. Any entry for which sustainability criteria has been misrepresented may be disqualified from the Awards.

## Disclaimer of Responsibility

Architizer is not responsible for any problems with Awards entries, including but not limited to, entries which are lost, late, misdirected, damaged, incomplete, illegible, or cannot be completed due to electronic or technical difficulties, even if such problem is the result of the sole or partial negligence of Architizer.

## Rights Granted by Awards Participants

By entering the Awards and submitting your entry (including any accompanying imagery, text, or other content), the Participant understands and agrees that Architizer and its affiliates and/or anyone acting on behalf of Architizer or its affiliates has the right to use any submitted content (including without limitation any accompanying imagery, text or other content) and any personal information provided by the Participant in connection with such submitted content for any purpose (including any promotional purposes) without any further compensation, notice, review, or consent except as otherwise required by applicable law.

## Entry Review, Selection of Winners and Accolades

Completed entries will be reviewed by a panel of jurors (the “Awards Jury”) using specific judging criteria as further described below under the supervision of Architizer. The Awards Jury comprises practitioners and thought leaders from the architecture, design, real estate, and technology industries.

### Selection of Winners

Completed entries to The Typology, Plus and Sustainability Categories will be judged by the Awards Jury according to the following three criteria: Form, Function, and Impact. For definitions and explanations of these criteria, please review the Awards Website [Judging Criteria Page](#).

Completed entries to the Firm Categories will be judged by the Awards Jury according to the following three criteria: Aesthetics, Innovation, and Impact. For definitions and explanations of these criteria, please review the Awards Website [Judging Criteria Page](#).

The five entrants with the highest scores from the Awards Jury in each category will be designated finalists for that category (and eligible for public voting.) The entrant with the highest score from the Awards Jury in each category will be designated the jury winner for that category.

### Selection of Public Voting Winners

The top five finalists in each category will be eligible for public voting. Finalists will be notified that they are eligible for public voting at least seven (7) days before the public voting period begins. Finalists are required to provide a list of the products specified within the project and to upload projects to Architizer.com to load any content included with their entry into the public voting system. The public voting period is two weeks long. The finalist with the most public votes (the legitimacy of which may be determined by Architizer in its sole discretion) at the end of the public voting period will be designated the Public Voting Winner.

### Accolades

Winners of the Awards (each a “Winner”) will receive a Winner’s trophy and publicity as determined in Architizer’s sole discretion. This prize cannot be redeemed for cash or substituted for another prize, and is non-transferable. Any prize-related expenses including all federal, state, and local taxes are the sole financial responsibility of the Winner. This prize is given with no written, express, or implied warranty. Any prize not claimed within seven (7) days following the announcement of such Winner by Architizer will be forfeited by the Winner and remain the property of Architizer. Acceptance of the prize by Winner gives Architizer permission to use the Winner’s personal information and likeness, including a photograph, for advertising purposes without further compensation, except to the extent otherwise prohibited by applicable law.

### Winner Notification

Winners will be notified within five (5) days following the Winner selection and must claim their prize within 30 days of receiving notification. Architizer is not responsible if a Winner does not receive the notification for any reason. If a Winner fails to respond within the required time period, the

prize may be forfeited and an alternate Winner may be selected by Architizer. If a Winner is considered a minor in their jurisdiction of residence, Architizer reserves the right to place the prize in the name of the Winner's parent or legal guardian who will be requested to sign a "declaration of claim" on the Winner's behalf. If a Winner is disqualified for any reason, Architizer may, but is not obliged to, provide an alternate Winner to receive the prize, and all privileges of the disqualified Winner will be terminated immediately. Participants who provide false, fraudulent or deceptive entries or who engage in false, fraudulent or deceptive acts in connection with the Awards will be disqualified and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

## How to Claim the Prize

All prizes will be fulfilled by mail. Winners assume the risk of the prize's safe arrival by mail. Winners are required to provide a valid government-issued photo identification depicting their proof of age if requested by Architizer. Architizer reserves the right to deny awarding the prize if the Winner fails to provide satisfactory identification or verification.

## General Terms and Conditions

Architizer reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Awards at any time. Any attempt by a Participant to deliberately damage the Awards, the Winner selection process or the legitimate operation of the Awards may be a violation of criminal and civil laws.

## **Release; Limitations of Liability; and Indemnification**

BY PARTICIPATING IN THE AWARDS, EACH PARTICIPANT AGREES THAT ARCHITIZER, ITS CORPORATE AFFILIATES, AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, CONSULTANTS, CONTRACTORS, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES, LEGAL COUNSEL AND AGENTS (THE "RELEASED ENTITIES"), WILL HAVE NO LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER FOR ANY INJURIES, DAMAGES, OR LOSSES (DIRECT, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR PUNITIVE) TO PARTICIPANT. THE RELEASED ENTITIES SHALL BE HELD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFIED BY THE PARTICIPANT AGAINST ANY LIABILITY FOR ANY INJURIES, LOSSES OR DAMAGES OF ANY KIND, TO ANY THIRD PARTY, INCLUDING PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH, OR DAMAGE OR LOSS TO PROPERTY RESULTING IN WHOLE OR IN PART, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FROM THE PARTICIPANT'S SUBMISSION OR PARTICIPATION IN THE AWARDS OR IN ANY AWARDS-RELATED ACTIVITY, OR ACCEPTANCE, POSSESSION, USE OR MISUSE OF THE PRIZE, OR ANY CLAIMS BASED ON PUBLICITY RIGHTS, DEFAMATION OR INVASION OF PRIVACY OR INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHTS RELATING TO THE AWARDS OR A PARTICIPANT'S ENTRY SUBMISSION OR ANY BREACH OF PARTICIPANT'S REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES MADE HEREIN. IN ADDITION, THE RELEASED ENTITIES ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE IF THE AWARDS CANNOT BE COMPLETED DUE TO ANY TECHNOLOGICAL ISSUE, ACTS OF GOD, ACTS OF WAR, NATURAL DISASTERS, PANDEMICS, WEATHER, BANKRUPTCY OR TERRORISM.

## **Disputes and Arbitration**

The Awards are governed by the laws of the United States of America and New York State, without respect to conflict of law doctrines. As a condition of participating in the Awards, the Participant agrees that any and all disputes that cannot be resolved between the parties, and causes of action arising out of or connected with the Awards, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, exclusively before a court located in New York having jurisdiction.

## Privacy Policy

Information submitted with an entry is subject to the Privacy Policy stated on the Architizer website. To read the Privacy Policy, click here: <https://architizer.com/privacy-policy>.

## Partners and Sponsors

Partners and Sponsors of the Awards include Architizer and any partners or sponsors listed on the Awards Website [Partners Page](#).

## Social Media

Architizer may utilize multiple social outlets to promote the Awards including, but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and others. The Participant understands and agrees that any such promotion is in no way sponsored, endorsed or administered by, or associated with, these social media outlets.

By entering the Awards, you, the Participant, hereby acknowledge and agree that you have reviewed, accepted, and agreed to all of these Rules.