

ArCHdes™

Design Excellence Selection

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ArCH: Architects Creating Homes Design Awards Program

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image above courtesy of Kurt Krueger Architects, one of ArCHdes™ 2016 winners

Submittals Due

May 18, 2025
3PM (EDT: NYC USA time)
Do not submit before
May 18, 2025

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. But the jury of award-winning Architects must select your project(s).

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 5 entries per year. (this coordinates with the [ArCH CRAFTs program](#)).

Decisions Final

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

Some Previous Winners

[2021 ArCHdes™ winners](#)

[2020 ArCHdes™ winners](#)

[2019 ArCHdes™ winners](#)

[2018 ArCHdes™ winners](#)

[2017 ArCHdes™ winners](#)

[2016 ArCHdes™ winners](#)

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:

<https://www.archomes.org/product/archdes>

Payment due no later than May 8, 2025, 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

Multi-page PDF saved to a Google Drive folder ArCH emails to you when you pay for your entry. Your multi-page PDF to be no more than 10MB. Format: 11x17 landscape.

There are to be several pages that you provide:

Provide in this order & named & numbered as follows:

1. **PDF Page 1:** Submittal # _____ (use your initials (first, middle, last) (or those of your company, such as "STA") then, indicate the date you paid using numbers, such as: "5/8/2025" immediately after your initials, separating the date from your initials with a dash, then an abbreviation for the project name). E.g.: STA-5/8/2025-PkVsta). Also state a made-up project name for your entry (not client name): e.g.: Mountain View Castle.
2. **PDF Page 2:** Site Plan PDF.
3. **PDF Page 3:** Floor Plan(s) .
4. **PDF Page 4 :** Elevations PDF (all elevations on one page).
5. **PDF Page 5:** Building Section PDF (or sections all on one PDF).
6. **PDF Page 6:** Any 3D imagery. Pasted 3D images preferred on the page. Not a requirement, but those entries with 3D receive additional attention. Nice to see if you have them, including photos of built projects). **Do NOT send separate giant video or other large files.**
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 ID of firm or Architect on the PDF & 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).

PLEASE USE THE FORMAT INDICATED ON THIS NOTICE (see below). Your entry cannot be considered or published without the Disclaimer notice. Read it and make sure your materials are in compliance. Do NOT use any imagery to which you do Not own complete rights of reproduction. Digital verified signature is not required, but is acceptable. Just sign it by any means, including electronic.

10. You UPLOAD your single PDF (which has within it the multi-pages indicated above), to the Google Drive folder that ArCH will send you after you pay for your entry. This method was introduced in 2019 and worked very well.

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, _____ (your name and your firm name)

_____ 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:

<http://www.archomes.org/privacy-policy>

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