

# PRAIRIE DESIGN AWARDS

Get ready! Submissions will be opening September 23, 2024 for the upcoming Prairie Design Awards. Entries due October 21, 2024. Submissions to be made through the website: [prairiedesignawards.com](http://prairiedesignawards.com)

Every two years, the Alberta Association of Architects (AAA), Saskatchewan Association of Architects (SAA), and Manitoba Association of Architects (MAA) celebrate those setting new standards of creativity and skill in architecture, interior design, and landscape architecture with the Prairie Design Awards (PDA). Two types of awards may be granted for each submission category: the Award of Excellence and the Award of Merit.

Please note a new category – the Equity Award – to recognize those projects that create positive social change through high ideals and ethical standards, social inclusion, cultural responsiveness, and promotion of human health, well-being, and resiliency. Categories for Recent Work, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, and Small Projects will also be included.

The awards will be presented at an in-person event that will be hosted by the SAA in Regina at the Mackenzie Art Gallery in early winter 2024 in conjunction with the exhibit *Spring on the Prairie: Kiyoshi Izumi and the Work of Izumi Arnott and Sugiyama*.

Projects must be located in Alberta, Saskatchewan, or Manitoba to be eligible. With the exception of the Student Work category, un-built work will NOT be adjudicated. Un-built work denotes work that is of a theoretical or conceptual nature that is not built, or work for a client that has not yet reached the final stages of construction.

Please visit the [Prairie Design Awards](http://prairiedesignawards.com) website for full submission criteria and instructions.





## Submission Categories + Eligibility

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### 1. Recent Work

An open architectural category. Submissions of all scopes of architectural built work completed in the last seven years and having not previously won a PDA can be submitted.

*Eligibility: Architectural submissions must be designed by registered members of the AAA, SAA or MAA.*

### 2. Interior Design

An open interior design category. Submissions of all scopes of interior built work completed in the last seven years and having not previously won a PDA can be submitted.

*Eligibility: Interior design submissions will be accepted according to the following criteria: Submissions must be designed by registered members of the AAA (architects and licensed interior designers), SAA, MAA, or registered or professional interior designers with the Interior Designers of Alberta (IDA), the Interior Designers Association of Saskatchewan (IDAS) or the Professional Interior Design Institute of Manitoba (PIDIM).*

### 3. Landscape Architecture

An open landscape architecture design category. Submissions of all scopes of landscape work completed in the last seven years and having not previously won a PDA can be submitted.

*Eligibility: Landscape architecture submissions will be accepted according to the following criteria: Submissions must be designed by registered members of the AAA, SAA, MAA, or registered members of the Alberta Association of Landscape Architects (AALA), Saskatchewan Association of Landscape Architects (SALA) or the Manitoba Association of Landscape Architects (MALA).*

### 4. Small Projects

An open design category. Submissions of all scopes of built work completed in the last seven years and having not previously won a PDA can be submitted.

*Eligibility: Small project submissions must be designed by members of the AAA, SAA or MAA (including registered members, intern members or student members).*

### 5. Equity Award

An open design Category. Submissions of all scopes of built projects completed within the last seven years, that create positive social change through high ideals and ethical standards, social inclusion, cultural responsiveness and promotion of human health, well-being, and resiliency.

*Eligibility: submissions must be designed by registered members of the AAA, SAA or MAA.*

## Submission Requirements

Entrants may submit as many entries as they wish in any of the categories in which they qualify. All entries will be submitted electronically and a separate entry form and relevant fee must accompany each entry.

Each entry must include the following, that will be made available **anonymously** to the jury:

- up to 20 files total relative to the project, based on the specifications which follow; and
- a Microsoft Word document containing a clear and concise description (500 words maximum) of the project and scope of work.



## Specifications

- Minimum image size 1000px x 1000px; Maximum image size 2500px x 2500px (max. width or height, images do NOT need to be square).
- Images must be submitted in either JPEG, TIFF, GIF, PNG, or PDF format. Images are for the purpose of **online viewing** only (print resolution is not needed).
- Suggested graphics include:
  - ▮ Site plans or imagery to communicate the project location and context;
  - ▮ Floor plans and/or building sections to convey layout, construction, volumes, etc.;
  - ▮ Project elevations, perspectives; and
  - ▮ Photographs of the project.
  - ▮ Files should be numbered in the order that entrants desire information to be reviewed.
- To ensure anonymity, please be careful that the firm name does not appear on any documents submitted as part of the package of materials that will be uploaded and made available for viewing by the jury.
- No video-clips will be accepted.

## Submission Process

The AAA, SAA and MAA are excited to launch the first fully automated submission process for the Prairie Design Awards; which will provide equivalent timelines, and deadlines, for all who participate – regardless of their own location or the location of the host jurisdiction.

Participants will need to have ALL information and required documentation readily available, at the time that the on-line entry form is initiated for each project.

For this reason, it is recommended that the on-line entry form (a copy of which is attached) be carefully reviewed, in advance, so that the full range of information concerning each project can be gathered and is readily available when the on-line entry is to be completed, including:

- All relevant firm and project information, including all credits, that will need to be entered into the on-line registration form;
- All [anonymous] files relative to the project (maximum 20), that will need to be uploaded at the same time; and
- The [anonymous] word document that includes description of the project and scope of work.

Payment will be required to complete each entry, but can be done either:

- Immediately following the submission of the on-line registration form; or
- Some other subsequent time, provided that payment of the invoice is completed before the final deadline for submissions.

## Notes

- All submissions shall become the property of the associations.
- All images submitted will be used for the purpose of adjudication by the jury, as well as display on the PDA website and for distribution to appropriate design publications.
- All submissions will be screened to ensure they comply with submission requirements.
- The awards committee reserves the right to refrain from displaying work that does not meet display requirements or standards of quality required for public exhibition.
- The completed entry form and fee grants the AAA, SAA and MAA the right to display the work at any time and in any format. Credit for work will be provided when displayed or incorporated in association materials.



- The Jury in conjunction with the awards committee reserves the right to re-define the category for which a project is submitted, and/or combine categories of work where the volume of submissions warrants.
- The awards committee in conjunction with the AAA, SAA and MAA will not adjudicate work that does not comply with the Submission Requirements or Specifications. Submission fees for work that is found to be in contravention of the respective organization's rules, regulations or the provincial laws will not be refunded.
- Awards of Excellence and Awards of Merit will be given at the sole discretion of the Jury. Decisions formed by the Jury are final and may not be appealed. There is no limit to the number of awards that may be given. There is no guarantee that any award will be given.

### **C**losing **D**ate

Submissions and payment must be electronically submitted, no later than **12:00 Noon, CDT on Monday, October 21, 2024.**

All participants are encouraged to make their submissions a few days in advance of the final deadline, to ensure that the electronic upload and payment will be completed. The host jurisdiction ultimately has no control over any of any of the websites or platforms (for entry forms, file uploads and/or submission of payment); and there will be no extensions provided, should a particular entrant experience difficulty at a particular time.

### **C**ontact

Questions about the awards can directed to [office@saskarchitects.com](mailto:office@saskarchitects.com)