



Association for Learning Environments (A4LE)
Midwest Great Lakes Region
John Shaw Award Application

Overview:

The Midwest Great Lakes (MWGL) John Shaw Award is a regional architectural design competition intended to highlight good design that results from collaboration with educators, students, and community representatives.

Eligibility Requirements:

The MWGL Region of A4LE seeks applicants who meet the following eligibility requirements:

- 1) The Architect of Record, the Engineer of Record and/or the Educational Facility Planner must be a member in good standing of A4LE and a member of the MWGL Region.
- 2) The project must have been constructed in one of the following locations: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin, or the province of Ontario, Canada.
- 3) Projects to be considered are those that have been completed within two (2) years preceding the submittal.

Submission Requirements:

The John Shaw Award applications are available on the MWGL Awards page of the website. The submission consists of two parts:

- 1) The online registration, application forms and the electronic portfolio
- 2) The Exhibit Display Boards

The application and electronic portfolio requirements will be accepted by electronic (PDF) transmittal to Julie Fried (julie@a4le.org) on the due date indicated on the website. If your file is over 10MB, please submit via an FTP file sharing site.

John Shaw Award Selection Criteria:

Selection of John Shaw Award recipient will consider the following criteria. The criteria will not fit all entries in the same way but will form a sound basis for judging.

The criteria are:

- 1) Clarity of organization, from site planning to school planning
- 2) Order in the design solution
- 3) Expression and representation
- 4) Conformity and contrast
- 5) Structure, environment services and energy use
- 6) Flexibility and adaptability

In addition to, the evaluation will also consider the following:

A thorough and comprehensive planning process

Development of a comprehensive educational specification and/or program of requirements

The John Shaw Award will be presented for the project that exhibits the highest degree of excellence in both planning and design.

Note: The judging for the John Shaw Award will be based exclusively on the information contained in the Electronic Portfolio. The Display Boards are for exhibition only and should not influence the selection of the winner.

Entry Format:

The electronic portfolio and the application forms must be submitted in (PDF) electronic format. Entrants will complete and submit all application and corresponding materials to Julie Fried (julie@a4le.org). If your file is over 10MB, please submit via an FTP file sharing site.

Entry Fee:

Please register online and pay via credit card or register online and make check payable to A4LE and indicate that the check is for the John Shaw Award entry fee.

Checks must be sent to:

A4LE John Shaw Award Submission
11445 E. Via Linda, Ste. 2 - 440
Scottsdale, Arizona 85259

Electronic Portfolio Requirements:

Project Narrative (400 Words Total)

- Project description clearly stating the educational vision
- Planning process identifying programming process or educational specifications development
- How the planning and educational vision is evident in the design solution
- Special challenges faced and solutions provided
- Cost effectiveness and matching the solution to community resources
- “Green” features of the design
- How does the project advance the development or awareness of effective/innovative learning environment?

Project Drawings

- Site plan
- Floor plans and sections (maximum 8.5” x 11”)

Project Photographs: (Color)

- 3 to 4 photos of interior and exterior
- Before and after photos for renovation projects

Submit in electronic (PDF) format by email or FTP site (over 10MB) to julie@a4le.org to Julie Fried.

Display Board Requirements:

Panel Display Format:

Plans: Site plan, floor plan, and one or more sections or elevations should be shown legibly and accurately at scale, with numerical and graphic indication of scale. Reproductions of working drawings are not acceptable. Lettering should be kept at a minimum and be large enough for exhibit viewing.

Photographs: It is important that most photographs include teaching areas and preferably contain people to help jury members with scale. Only one exterior signature photograph is required. It is better to have a greater number of smaller pictures rather than two large photographs. Rendered elevations or perspectives may be used but not substituted for photographs.

Mounts: All entries shall be two dimensional and exhibited on a minimum of two and a maximum of four, 20” x 20” x 1/2” foam board mounts.

Composition of individual mounts shall be at the discretion of the entrant, provided that mandatory requirements are met. Permanent-type adhesive should be used to attach plans and photographs to mounts. Names of design firms may appear on drawings, photographs, or other materials to be judged. Lettering should be kept at a minimum and be large enough for exhibit viewing.

Display Logistics

Panels are to be sent directly to the conference hotel with clearly marked packaging for A4LE. Name of hotel, address, and delivery information will be provided once submission deadline and applicable fees have been met.

Supervision and Services: The exhibit committee reserves the right to assign exhibit space and to withhold from exhibition entries deemed to be unsuitable for display. Adequate general illumination will be provided; no special individual lighting or displays will be permitted.

Return of panels: Applicants will be responsible to pick up their display panels at the end of the conference. All boards not picked up will be discarded.

Submission Materials:

- 1) Register project(s) online
- 2) Completed Application Form (Attachment 1)
- 3) Completed Project Information Form (Attachment 2)
- 4) Additional Relevant Information directly related to the submitted project

ATTACHMENT 1

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Project Information Form

Project Type (Select One): New Construction Renovation Addition

Category (Select One): Elementary Middle School/Junior High High School

Community College 4 Year College/University Vocational Other

Project Information

Project Name: _____

District Name: _____

City and State: _____

Superintendent/President: _____

Occupancy Date: _____

Grades Housed: _____

Project Size _____

Capacity (Students) _____

Site Size (Acres): _____

Gross Area (Sq. ft.): _____

Per Pupil (Sq ft.): _____

Project Cost

Site Development: \$ _____

Building Construction: \$ _____

Fixed Equipment: \$ _____

Other: \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

ATTACHMENT 2
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PROJECT INFORMATION FORM
(One per Project)

Project Team

Architectural Firm: _____

Principal-In-Charge: _____

City/State (Province): _____

Educational Planner: _____

City/State (Province): _____

Engineering Firm (s): _____

Engineer-in-Charge: _____

City/State (Province): _____

Construction Management Firm: _____

City/State (Province): _____

General Contractor: _____

City/State (Province): _____