



Michigan ASLA

# 2026 PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

Call for Entries

**Michigan ASLA is pleased to announce the call for entries for the 2026 Professional Awards is now LIVE!**

## LOGISTICS:

Entry fee: **\$300** per submission/project

Link Request Deadline:

**Wednesday June 10th, 2026 at 6:00 pm**

Submission Deadline:

**Wednesday June 24, 2026, 11:59pm**

## SUBMISSION LINK

Email Awards Chair at [awards@michiganasla.org](mailto:awards@michiganasla.org) to request a link to upload submission materials. Please provide project name(s) and category of interest in the request. You will receive a folder link and project number within 24 hours of the request.

*\* Please note: entrants must meet link request deadline in order to upload their materials by the submission deadline.*

## RECOGNITION

Volunteers from a fellow chapter will serve as the Michigan ASLA Awards Jury. The jury may select one Honor Award and any number of Merit Awards in each category. Award recipients will be featured in MiSITES, a biannual publication of Michigan ASLA, and will be honored at the MiASLA Awards Celebration on October 7, 2026 in East Lansing, Michigan. We welcome clients, coworkers, and spouses to attend.

Register for Awards Celebration here: [www.michiganasla.org](http://www.michiganasla.org)

## REQUIREMENTS

**1. ENTRY FORM** Register online and upload the completed Entry Form to the submission link provided by MiASLA Awards Committee. Replace **folder code** with the alphanumeric code provided from Awards Chair that coincides with your submittal file. ALL files and documents should be saved as a PDF.

Assign PDF document name: **folder code\_entry form.**

**Ensure anonymity throughout the following requirements:**

**2. PROJECT STATEMENT** In 250 words or less, describe the project and why it's award-worthy. This statement may be used in promotional materials if the project is selected for an award.

Assign PDF document name **folder code\_statement.**

**3. PROJECT NARRATIVE** Describe the project in 1275 words or less. The narrative should address the criteria for the submission category, and include project location, scope and size, site context and investigation, program, design or planning intent and philosophy, environmental impact and concerns, collaboration with stakeholders and other designers, and other significant issues.

Assign PDF document name: **folder code\_narrative.**

**4. IMAGES** Include at least one site plan, one site analysis, plus 5 to 15 drawings and/or photographs for a total of 17 total images into a single PDF file not to exceed 10 MB and 17 pages. PDF format must be 8.5" x 11" and landscape orientation. Brief captions on each image are encouraged. Multiple images on one 8.5" x 11" page are acceptable.

Assign PDF document name: **folder code\_images.**

## Award Recipient Boards

### 24" x 26" Display Board

**Winners** will be required to submit high resolution images for awards slide show and prepare one high-resolution 24" by 36" PDF presentation sheet to be printed by Michigan ASLA and placed on display at the Awards Gala and Conference. Entries in all categories must include images and a display sheet in this format.



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Entry Categories

## 1. GENERAL DESIGN

General Design recognizes site-specific works of landscape architecture. Professional entries in this category must be designed within the past five [5] years. Typical entries include: public, institutional, athletic facilities, or private landscapes of all kinds; historic preservation, reclamation, conservation; stormwater management and sustainable design; design for transportation or infrastructure; landscape art or installation; interior landscape design; and more. Submissions will be sorted into the following subcategories:

- A. Small Scale (>\$500k)
- B. Medium Scale (\$500-\$3m)
- C. Large Scale (>\$3m)
- D. Residential
- E. Unbuilt Works

The jury will consider the quality of design and execution, design context, environmental sensitivity and sustainability, and design value to the intended users and to the profession.

**Eligibility:** *The official entrant must be an Associate, Full, or International member of Michigan ASLA, or join Michigan ASLA in one of those categories prior to submission. The project must be located in the State of Michigan or the official entrant must have a Michigan-based firm or organization address.*

## 2. PLANNING + ANALYSIS

Planning and Analysis recognizes the wide variety of professional activities that lead to, guide, and evaluate landscape architecture design. Entries in this category are not required to be built or implemented. Typical entries include: urban, suburban, rural, or regional planning efforts; development guidelines; transportation, town, or campus planning; environmental planning; cultural resource reports; natural resources protection; historic preservation and planning; and more. The jury will consider the quality of the analysis and planning effort; context; environmental sensitivity and sustainability; likelihood of successful implementation; contribution to social equity, and design value to the intended users and to the profession.

**Eligibility:** *The official entrant must be an Associate, Full, or International member of Michigan ASLA, or join Michigan ASLA in one of those categories prior to submission. The project must be located in the State of Michigan or the official entrant must have a Michigan-based firm or organization address.*

## 3. RESEARCH + COMMUNICATION

Research and Communication recognizes achievements in Communicating landscape architecture works, techniques, technologies, history, or theory. Typical entries include print media, film, video, and audio formats; online communications; interpretive design; exhibition design; and more. The jury will consider the effectiveness of the message presentation, the innovation in approach or delivery, contribution to social equity, and the value to the intended audience.

**Eligibility:** *An official entrant in the Legacy category is not required to join Michigan ASLA to enter. The project must be located in the State of Michigan or the official entrant must have a Michigan-based firm or organization address.*

## 4. LEGACY

The Legacy Award recognizes a distinguished landscape architecture project completed between 15 and 50 years ago that retains its original design integrity and contributes significantly to the public realm of the community in which it is located. Typical entries include parks, plazas, sculpture gardens, botanical gardens, river walks, and more. Public officials and agencies, civic and historic preservation organizations, and interested individuals and entities are encouraged to submit projects in this category. The jury will consider the project's sustained value, its contribution to social equity to the community it serves, and the continued relevance of the project's design expression.

**Eligibility:** *An official entrant in the Legacy category is not required to join Michigan ASLA to enter. The project must be located in the State of Michigan or the official entrant must have a Michigan-based firm or organization address.*

**DISCLAIMER:** Entrants are responsible for clearing photographs with photographers for publication and reproduction by Michigan ASLA. Michigan ASLA will provide proper photography and other project credits when using photos, but will not assume responsibility for any copyrights or photography fees. Michigan ASLA retains the right to publish images submitted in winning entries in Michigan ASLA publications, website, and other media promoting Michigan ASLA and the profession.



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Registration + Entry Form

**Reminder:** Please submit this **ENTRY FORM** with your project files in the provided **Upload Folder** provided by Awards Committee.  
Also, **Register** your submission **ONLINE** at Link provided below.

## CATEGORY

Check one category/sub-category:

1. General Design

A. Small Scale (>\$500k)

B. Medium Scale (\$500-\$3m)

C. Large Scale (>\$3m)

D. Residential

E. Unbuilt Works

2. Planning & Analysis

3. Research & Communications

4. Legacy

## ENTRANT INFORMATION

Name of Entrant:

Role in Project:

Company/Organization:

Phone:

Email:

## CLIENT INFORMATION

Company/Organization:

Name of Contact:

## PROJECT INFORMATION

Name of Project:

Project Location:

Project Consultant(s) and/or Contractor(s):

**ENTRY FEE \$300**

[Click Here to Complete REQUIRED Registration and ONLINE Payment](#)

Payment by  Check  Card

Check Payments: *Invoices will be sent to you please mail w. check only to the MiASLA Office & upload PDF in project submission link.*

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