

2024 Home of the Month

Through this partnership between AIA Minnesota and the *Star Tribune*, each year 12 architect-designed residential projects are selected from among a competitive pool of submissions to be the subject of a monthly feature article in the *Star Tribune's* Sunday Homes & Gardens section reaching more than 550,000 readers. The 2024 program begins in June and ends in May 2025. The articles appear in the *Star Tribune's* print and digital publications.

The objectives of the program are to educate the public about the value of architect-led residential design; to showcase a range of project types, styles, and budgets; and to support Minnesota's vibrant residential architecture community through increased exposure to a public audience.

Entry Fee

\$140 per project.

Eligibility

To be eligible, submitted projects must follow these guidelines, regardless of budget, style, or project type:

- The project must have been designed by a current AIA Minnesota member at the AIA level, or by a team of professionals where the lead designer is an AIA Minnesota member at the AIA level;
- The project must have been designed by an AIA Minnesota member practicing in accordance with Minnesota architecture registration laws and complying with federal wage and labor laws by not employing unpaid intern architects;
- The project must be a single-family, new construction project OR a radical transformation of an existing single-family residence in Minnesota or western Wisconsin. The transformation must include significant change to the existing dwelling as well as new construction;
- The project must have been completed within the last five years (since January 1, 2019);
- The project must not have been featured previously in the *Star Tribune* (entry **may** be a previous winner of a RAVE, BLEND, or AIA Minnesota Honor Award and may have been previously published in other publications or magazines);
- To ensure the highest editorial quality, the *Star Tribune* writer must be able speak with, quote and name the homeowner(s) within the article. It is the *Star Tribune's* editorial policy to identify all quoted sources using first and last names.

Submission Deadline

Submit all required materials and information and pay the entry fee using [AIA Minnesota's online awards platform](#) by the entry deadline of **Friday, March 22, 2024 at 12:00 pm CT**.

Selection of Projects

A panel of professionals will be gathered to review submissions and select the 12 Home of the Month projects following the entry deadline. Panel will be comprised of at least one *Star Tribune* representative and four additional panelists to be determined by the AIA Minnesota Committee on Design.

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The review and selection process will be monitored by an AIA Minnesota staff member and will be blind with regard to the number of projects that are selected from any one firm. Each member of the panel will have equal weight in the selection process. Project authorship will remain concealed throughout the deliberations of the selection panel.

Selection Criteria

The Home of the Month program is not an awards program, but rather seeks to showcase a broad range of residential project styles, types, and budgets. The elements of the submission should convey a compelling story and illustrate the architectural innovation, response to the program, and distinguishing features of the project. Avoid lengthy descriptions of features described via graphic images. Panelists will evaluate each project based on adherence to submission guidelines and requirements.

Project authorship must be concealed in all submission materials. It is the entrant's responsibility to make sure the architect's name and/or firm name is not revealed on file names, in narratives, or on plans. Failure to follow this requirement may result in the entry being disqualified.

Specific Submission Requirements

All entry materials should be submitted electronically using [AIA Minnesota's online awards platform](#). The following items are required as part of the complete submission:

- ☐ **Entrant details:** lead architect and all project team member names; firm information
- ☐ **Project details:** project type, size, location, completion date
- ☐ **Project description** of 700 words or less
- ☐ **Signed consent from the homeowner(s)** giving approval to submit the project for consideration
- ☐ **Project images:** Each entry must include at least 3 interior photo images, 1 exterior photo image (for new build projects), floor plans, and a site plan, with the total number of images and plans submitted not to exceed 12. Image files should not exceed 10MB in size and be at least 5 inches wide at 300 dpi.

Submission of Images

Any images submitted may be used for the Home of the Month announcement, the Home of the Month event, or in other promotions.

Photo rights must be obtained by the entrant. Each submitted photo must list a photo credit. If the submitting architect is the photographer, list "photo by architect." Entrants are responsible for any royalties or copyright photography fees as related to the submission. If your project is selected, you will be asked to provide proof of photo rights to reproduce the photos.

Save the Date: Home of the Month Virtual Event

The *Star Tribune* and AIA Minnesota will host an event on the evening of Wednesday, May 1, at [Glass House](#), to recognize the Home of the Month program and to offer a preview of the next slate of selected projects to be featured. Your submission entitles you to one (1) complimentary ticket to this event.

Contact Ann Mayhew with questions; mayhew@aia-mn.org or (612) 767-1740.

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Homeowner Consent Form

I, _____ (Homeowner name) give my consent to
_____ (Architecture Firm) to submit my residence for the
Home of the Month program hosted by AIA Minnesota and the *Star Tribune*. I understand that photos of
my residence and the design program will be submitted for a selection panel to review.

Should my residence be selected, I understand that the following will apply:

- I may be asked to allow professional photographs of my residence to be taken (at no charge to me) between June 2024–May 2025;
- I will be contacted by a *Star Tribune* reporter for comment on the project and that in accordance with the *Star Tribune*'s editorial policy to name all quoted sources, my first and last name will appear in the article;
- An article and photographs of my home will appear in the Homes & Gardens section of the *Star Tribune* between June 1, 2024–May 31, 2025 and the project information may be used in promotional materials by AIA Minnesota or the *Star Tribune*.

Homeowner Signature(s)

Date

Architect Signature

Date

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