Awards
The Merit Awards will be presented at the special Awards Luncheon on June 16, 2016.

Winning projects will be highlighted in Architectural MN.

Eligibility
All projects designed by AIA Minneapolis Chapter registered architects and firms. Projects must be complete by the time of the deadline for submittal. Projects themselves may be located anywhere in the world.

Firms of all sizes are encouraged to submit.

Projects that have been previously submitted are welcome.

Previous AIA Minnesota Honor Award project winners are not eligible. Merit Award winning projects are not excluded from AIA Minnesota Honor Awards.

Jury
The jury members will be comprised of business, real estate, community and academic leaders, as well as architects.

Purpose
The AIA Minneapolis Merit Award recognizes projects that tell a compelling story of excellence beyond the single component of design. This award brings public awareness to the variety of components and forces that shape a building and enrich the lives of the users, as well as, the depth of experience, knowledge and passion that architects bring to their projects.
Submission Guidelines

Submissions must be anonymous. If any authorship is revealed on any images or project summaries viewed by the jury, the entry will be disqualified. Submissions must include the following:

• Completed Entry Form (left of this page or photocopy)

• Project introduction / summary (200 word maximum)

• One page project description which provides a narrative on how this project responds to these criteria:

(Each of the following items must have a brief description of intent)

+ Client/team satisfaction
+ Technical Innovation
+ Environmental responsibility
+ Budget/business success
+ Community impact
+ Architectural solution

Part of the philosophy of this award is the focus on the story of a project. The project description should share that story through the above listed criteria. Your story is compelling and may be a bit different than expected - celebrate and honor the story your building has to tell!

• 8–12 color photographs, prints and/or drawings (jpg format). At least one image showing the site context.

• Feedback from the end users, (quotes, letters, articles, etc.)

• Submit original entry plus one digital copy.

To better understand the story, the jury will visit the projects that are shortlisted. Where it is not feasible to visit a project, the jury can decide based on the materials submitted, and/or a visit to the office of the architect can be arranged. The contact information for the architect will be used to set up all visits.

Send complete entries to AIA Minneapolis offices address by 4 pm on Wednesday, May 4, 2016.

$25 entry fee per entry (check made out to AIA Minneapolis)

Michael L. Schrock, AIA, Merit Award

This special Merit Award designation was created in 2008, in honor of Michael, who’s passion helped develop the AIA Minneapolis Awards and will be awarded by the jury to the project that most embodies the philosophy of the AIA Minneapolis Merit Awards.