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# 2026 ASLA CONNECTICUT STUDENT AWARDS

**CALL FOR ENTRIES** (also at [www.ctasla.org/awards](http://www.ctasla.org/awards))

Connecticut Chapter • American Society of Landscape Architects

## ***Recognizing excellence in landscape architectural studies.***

The Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects invites submission of student works to be reviewed for the 2026 ASLA Connecticut Student Awards. These awards identify, recognize, and publicize outstanding academic works of students enrolled in an accredited landscape architecture program.

### **Eligibility**

Students enrolled in the Landscape Architecture program at the University of Connecticut, or legal residents of Connecticut who are enrolled in an accredited program in another state, may enter projects completed by an individual student or student team. Individuals who have graduated from an accredited program in the past year (meeting the criteria above) are also eligible. This award is not intended for projects completed by professional landscape architects or design firms. Projects that win in the student work category cannot be later submitted under any of the professional categories.

Students cannot enter projects on behalf of another student.

Student entries require the support of a course instructor or department chair. A PDF Letter of Endorsement of 250 words or less from a landscape architecture faculty member is required with the submittal (recent graduates are exempt from this requirement).

### **Entry Criteria**

Submissions should be coursework completed as part of academic studies in one of the following categories: Site Design, Planning & Analysis, Research, or Communications.

Entries will be evaluated on the basis of quality and clarity of graphics, context, and design ideas; innovative ideas and approach; and design value. Each project will be judged on its own merit, not against other student submissions or professional submissions.

The ASLA Connecticut Student Awards are unique and separate from the ASLA Connecticut Professional Awards. The peer jury may choose to recognize submissions with Merit Awards or Honor Awards, independently of the Professional Awards.

### **Entry Fee**

- FREE submission for Student or Associate ASLA members for their first project. \$25.00 for each additional project.
- Students in an accredited degree program may join ASLA at no cost. Please visit [www.asla.org/Join.aspx](http://www.asla.org/Join.aspx) for additional information.



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## General Submission Requirements

*Team/Group Submissions: If submitting as a team or group, please identify each member's contribution as to what he or she prepared (research, graphics, etc.). Team submissions should clearly demonstrate how a collaborative effort by the team improved the project.*

The following shall be included with each entry:

1. **Entry Form** (Entry form to be filled out at [www.ctasla.org/award-submissions](http://www.ctasla.org/award-submissions))
2. **The following information, submitted to [awards@ctasla.org](mailto:awards@ctasla.org) as a download link:**
  - A. **The PDF of your Jury Presentation** — Using the supplied PowerPoint (or InDesign) template, complete a digital presentation including a project summary, a project description, a statement of significance and between 8-15 additional slides of graphics, photographs or other images.
  - B. **Microsoft Word** file containing your project summary, project description and statement of significance. To be used for the promotion of winning projects on ASLA Connecticut social media platforms and/or publications.
  - C. **Individual high-resolution photographs or graphic images** (JPG or TIF, not PDF) used in the preparation of the Jury Presentation. Include 8 to 15 images with at least one plan view if appropriate. Each image should be given a title such (i.e., "Plan View" or "Northeast Perspective"). These images should be at least 300 DPI, between 1 MB and 25 MB and saved in RGB mode. Note that submitted photos must be suitable for publishing by ASLA Connecticut without copyright or restriction.
  - D. **Microsoft Word file of captions for all individual photographs or graphic images.** Captions may be the same as used on jury presentation, or can be longer, up to 25 words per caption. Captions and images to be used for ASLA Connecticut social media platforms and/or publications. Please clearly mark captions with image name to avoid confusion.
  - E. **A Letter of Endorsement of 250 words or less from a landscape architecture faculty member.** For internal ASLA Connecticut verification of student eligibility only. Will not be shared with jury.

**NOTE: The jury process is "blind" as to the identity of the entrants. All content in the Jury Presentation PDF must have INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, AND/OR UNIVERSITY NAMES REMOVED FROM ALL TEXT AND GRAPHICS. References to the identity of the entrant must be deleted from photographs, renderings, plans, captions, descriptions, and other information. The official entry form and the letter of endorsement are the only instances in which individual, group, or university name should appear.**



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## Submission Due Date and Instructions

**Entry form and materials must be received by 5pm, FRIDAY, October 31st, 2025.** Entry form to be submitted online at [www.ctasla.org/award-submissions](http://www.ctasla.org/award-submissions). Materials (Jury Presentation PDF, Word documents and JPG/TIF images) must be submitted via online transfer (no password-required file transfers please); mailed in copies will not be accepted.

## Awards

The following awards may be presented by the jury:

- **Honor Award**

Only one Honor Award may be awarded, if merited, to recognize student work of the highest caliber. If there are more than five entries, more than one Honor Award may be given at the discretion of the jury.

- **Merit Award**

Any number of Merit Awards may be given at the discretion of the jury to recognize academic accomplishment.

## Jury

The jury will be composed of out-of-state professionals unaffiliated with ASLA Connecticut.

## Announcement of Winners

Award winners will be announced at the January 2026 ASLA Connecticut Award Ceremony & Annual Meeting.

## Consent and Publicity

All submittals become the property of the Connecticut Chapter of ASLA, to be used for promotion of the profession of landscape architecture through displays, in chapter publications, in local and national media, and on the ASLA Connecticut website and other online outlets, with credit to the submitting individual. Entry materials will not be returned.

***By entering this competition, you grant permission to ASLA Connecticut to reproduce the submitted images. Entrants are solely responsible for securing authorization for ASLA Connecticut's usage from the client and photographers allowing the entry to be submitted, judged, and promoted through displays, online, in chapter publications, and in other media outlets, with credit to the submitting firm. Do not send authorizations or photo releases with your entry; keep for your records. Your signature on the submitted entry form authorizes ASLA Connecticut to use all submitted images for promotion of the profession of landscape architecture as described above. ASLA Connecticut will assume no responsibility for failure to obtain photo releases.***

## Questions?

Email the Awards Committee at [awards@ctasla.org](mailto:awards@ctasla.org).