

BSA Earl R. Flansburgh Young Designers Award

This honor, named for Earl R. Flansburgh FAIA, a distinguished Boston architect and founder of Flansburgh Associates, who completed more than 200 diverse educational facilities projects during a 45-year career, recognizes design excellence by emerging professionals under the age of 40, including practitioners, aspiring architects, and architecture students. Flansburgh, the 1981 BSA president and 1999 BSA Award of Honor winner, generously supported emerging professionals and advocated for women architects. The firm he founded has been guided by the philosophy that a well-designed building improves the quality of our lives.

The Boston Society for Architecture (BSA) and the Flansburgh family co-sponsor this prestigious award that is intended to showcase excellence while providing a unique platform to convene conversations and exhibitions about design and discourse.

The 2024 Flansburgh Young Designers Award will be juried by the BSA Honors and Awards Committee in the Fall of 2023. The prize includes an online exhibition/presentation of the winner's work hosted through the BSA website and a one-year membership to the Boston Society for Architecture. The winner will be recognized at the BSA Awards Gala in 2025.

2024 Application Deadline

Friday, September 27, 2024 | 11:59 pm EST

Eligibility

Emerging architectural professionals, students, and aspiring architects under the age of 40 are eligible to apply for this award.

Submission Requirements

Candidates must submit a digital portfolio, formatted to 8.5" x 11" of no more than 25 pages in a PDF format to awards@architects.org.

Three one-page letters of recommendations are required. Ideally, at least one letter comes from a BSA member, although this is not required. All letters of recommendation must be emailed by the letter author to awards@architects.org. Recommendation letters cannot be submitted by the candidate.

The portfolio must include:

- Biography/resume listing relevant accomplishments, 2 pages max.
- Personal statement outlining candidate's design philosophy, 250-word max.
- Photos, drawings, or other images illustrating design excellence in the candidate's work.
- Signed Declaration of Responsibility confirming that each exhibit of the work has been authored by the candidate, and example someone in possession of full knowledge of the specific project (other than the nominee) must certify the nominee's responsibility.

Successful Submissions include:

- Clear and compelling stories with a commitment to engaging the community and interest in sharing the knowledge in this area of expertise
- Apply a consistent graphic treatment for the work
- Demonstrate how your professional work clearly aligns with your personal mission
- Demonstrate in depth analysis and execution of strategies deployed at various scales, if applicable
- Signed Declaration of Responsibility should be included for each project. Sample:

I have personal knowledge of nominee's responsibility for following exhibit which included:

Project Architect.

(signature by supervisor, principal, etc.)

name, title, organization