

IIDA Northland Chapter is pleased to announce the 22nd Annual ID Awards!

For more than two decades, the ID Awards have celebrated the fresh, artistic and brilliant work shaping Minnesota's interior design community. This year, we're turning up the volume with a music video inspired celebration honoring the designers, projects and collaborations that continue to move our industry forward. Join us as we recognize the bold ideas, extraordinary talent and showstopping spaces created by our local design community.

Join us for an evening dedicated to showcasing the remarkable work from our IIDA Northland region. Our jury of industry experts from across the country will grant awards in this year's project categories, enabling us all to continue learning and redefining what design can achieve.

We look forward to your participation!
Northland Board + ID Awards Committee
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Unlimited Awards:

There is no limit to the number of winners in each category. Every submission that meets the award criteria is eligible for recognition.

Icon Award

This award honors anyone in our industry who has dedicated more than 20 years of service. This award is open to professionals practicing Interior Design, Reps, and/or Dealers. A candidate is not required to have worked on an ID Awards project entry. This award is also open to unlimited entries. There is no fee for this submission. Please include the honoree's full name, current place of work and all accreditations.

Breakthrough Artists

This award honors the designers who passed their NCIDQ exams in 2026. A candidate is not required to have worked on an ID Awards project entry. This award is also open to unlimited entries. There is no fee for this submission.

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Project Entry Guidelines

Schedule

Registration Opens: Wednesday, October 7th, 2026
All Project Entry Materials and Payment Due: November 13th 2026
ID Awards: January 15th 2027

Eligibility, Terms & Conditions

All entry projects must be completed by the time of submission, within the past 3 years, and the project has not been submitted in previous years.

I attest that this project is code compliant. I certify that the interior design is entirely the work of my firm and that my firm is located within the IIDA Northland Chapter geographic area. I have the right to submit this project for the ID Award consideration. If there was collaboration with another Architecture & Interior Design firm, I will include that information within the Project Collaborators/Contributors section of the Project Information PowerPoint.

I understand that photographs and/or video may be taken of my project entry. By nature of my project submission, I am granting permission for images and/or video of my project to be used for IIDA marketing purposes.

Refund Policy: You can begin a project entry within Judgify and not finalize it. There are NO refunds or cancellations once a project entry has been finalized and paid for.

Entry Fees

Members: $155 ($100 per additional entry) An active IIDA Member must have worked on the project team.
Non-Members: $215 ($150 per additional entry)

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Award Categories

The potential categories for this year's ID Awards include:

- **Remix Award:** *This award is designed for best adaptive reuse, renovation or reimagined space*
- **Breakthrough Artists:** *This award is designed for anyone who passed their NCIDQ exams passed in 2026*
- **Campus Choice Award:** *This award is designed for Student Housing project*
- **Real World Award:** *This award is designed for an Affordable / Market-rate Housing project*
- **The Golden Era Award:** *This award is designed for a Senior Housing project*
- **Education Soundstage: K12** *This award is designed for a K12 project*
- **Education Soundstage: Higher Education** *This award is designed for a Higher Education project*
- **Healing Soundstage Small:** *This award is designed for a healthcare project under 15 sft*
- **Healing Soundstage Medium:** *This award is designed for a healthcare project 15-60k sft*
- **Healing Soundstage Large:** *This award is designed for a healthcare project over 60k sft*
- **Indie Award:** *This award is designed for a workplace project under 15k sft*
- **The Main Stage Award***: This award is designed for a workplace project between 15k sf – 40ksft*
- **Headliner Award:** *This award is designed for a workplace project over 40k sft*
- **Choreography Award:** *This award is designed for a space with seamless flow, circulation or spatial planning*
- **Collaboration Award:** *This award is designed for outstanding teamwork between architects + designers, designer + manufacturer, multi-disciplinary project teams*
- **Mic Drop Moment:** *This award is designed for a project with the most dramatic before and after*
- **The Best Vibe Award:** *This award is designed for a project in retail, leisure, hospitality, amenity spaces or restaurants*
- **Welcome to my Crib Award:** *this award is designed for in-house designers working on their own facilities or anyone who remodeled their own space.*
- **Production Crew:** *This award is designed for recognizing project managers, technical designers or vendors who make it happen*
- **People's Choice Award:** *This award is designed for a civic, public or government project*
- **Unplugged Award:** *This award is designed for a project that is minimal, sustainable and stripped back in material palette*
- **Design Vanguard Award:** *This award is designed for a project that included forward thinking innovation in materials, sustainability or tech integration*

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Deliverables with Project Entry

Remove all design firm/company identifying features.

1: Project Submission PowerPoint (for the jurors).
Click here to download required PowerPoint to be completed and uploaded to Judgify

a) Project Narrative, 500 words or less
b) Floor Plan
c) Up to 15 Photographs. Multiple images per page allowed, but each image counts toward 15 total photographs.

2: Project Information PowerPoint (for the committee, information to be used awards night).
Click here to download required PowerPoint to be completed and uploaded to Judgify

a) Photographs of Interior Design team members
b) Additional project team members
c) Project Collaborators/Contributors
d) Winning Slide
    i. Include a project summary, 100 words. The project summary will be read at the awards program.
    ii. Lead Project Photograph to be used at the awards program.

Registration and Project Entry Site

https://awards.judgify.me/IIDANorthland-ID-awards-2027

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Judging Criteria

The IIDA Northland ID Awards reflect the values and aspirations of our region's design community while focusing on larger, even global issues. We recognize that our designers work on a variety of challenges and scales. We value artfully resolved design but also celebrate the fact that interior design is much more than just beautiful spaces.

The jury will use the following criteria as a guide in the selection of recognized projects:

Concept: Does the project tell a story about innovative design that is relevant and inspiring? Is the design well-resolved? Do the materials presented articulate the ambitions of the design?

Creative Problem-Solving: What unique problems were the design team asked to address regarding site, budget, program, materials, collaboration and/or context? Were those problems addressed successfully in the design? Is the relevance and value of design thinking evident in the submission? Do the presentation materials clearly depict the program, context and / or organizing principles influencing the design?

Health, Safety, Welfare, & Wellbeing: Has the design team addressed the health and wellbeing of the users in the completed space? Did they take a holistic and evidence-based approach to design? Did the design create an environment in which the users of that space leave in a better state than they arrive? Does the design create an environment that supports the health and wellness of its occupants?

Environmental Sensitivity: Does the project exhibit serious intent to minimize negative environmental impacts and enhance the natural environment? Are metrics, narratives, diagrams, sketches or other clear evidence provided of both modeled and actual performance?

Social Transformation/Response: How does the project respond to its social and physical context? Is it sensitive to its physical, social and historical context? Does the project improve the community in which it is situated? Does it exemplify a commitment to enhancing livable communities?

All submissions must demonstrate clarity of idea, process, and execution through a combination of text, diagrams, drawings, photographs, and other illustrative materials per the submission guidelines. At the jury's discretion, elected submissions may not necessarily address all of the criteria above:

- an award may not be given in every category.
- multiple categories may be combined into a single category.
- multiple awards may be given in a single category.
- additional categories may be created.

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Tips for Strong Submissions

-Lead with the best image you have. It should communicate the aspirational aspect of your project. This image should serve as the project "summary" in image form.

-Tell a story: clearly define challenges and criteria, design concept, client mission, inspiration, client feedback, community or building context, and even the emotional side of the project. Show the passion behind the imagery.

-Indicate in the narrative the challenges you were faced with, rather than just describe what you did. The jury needs to know what you are trying to solve (restrictions and requirements, where and how did you solve them.)

-If your project is a remodel – try to show some concept of before and the after, so the jury can determine what improvements were made, and the extent of the remodel.