



Billings Architectural Association

A Local Section of the American Institute of Architects Montana Chapter

Celebrate Architecture Design Competition 2024 Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Design Competition

The purpose of the design competition is to raise visibility around the benefits of ADUs as one way to relieve a countywide affordable housing shortage and encourage housing variety and affordability. The design competition also aims to inspire designers with tangible examples of ADU's they could visualize in their neighborhoods.

Competitors are asked to provide a cover application (see below), along with a design with supporting documents, through the BAA website at <https://aiabillings.org/product/design-competition-entry/>. Entries will be accepted until March 25th, 2024. All entries will be displayed during the 2024 Meeting in the Mountains conference. The submitted materials should include a description of their design, which addresses how their design will promote affordability and accessibility. Specifically, it should include a general floor plan, elevation drawings, and a 3D rendering of the ADU. The judges will rate each entry on the functionality, accessibility, general affordability, innovation, aesthetics and overall, by the national AIA Framework of Excellence. The judges will select the top three designs and award the prizes. All the submitted materials will be shared by the BAA and made available for viewing on the BAA website.

What is an ADU? Accessory Dwelling Unit or ADU, "means a dwelling unit with complete living facilities (e.g., sleeping area, kitchen, bathroom, egress) sharing the parcel of a larger, principal dwelling structure, is clearly accessory and subordinate to the principal dwelling, and has been designed or configured to be used as a separate, independent dwelling unit established by permit."

Registration & Fees:

To enter the Competition visit: <https://aiabillings.org/product/design-competition-entry/>
\$50 per entry, due upon submission/registration through the BAA website at www.aiabillings.org on or before the submission deadline on March 25th, 2024.

Students may contact us at <https://aiabillings.org/contact-us/> for an entry fee discount coupon.

Eligibility:

This competition is open to all Architects, Intern Architects, Architectural Students, Interior Designers and Drafts-people. Entrants may enter as individuals or as teams.

Awards:

BAA Jury Prizes will be presented at the banquet dinner on Friday, April 5, 2024. All entries will be considered for the juried prizes. You do not need to be present to win.

The BAA appointed jury will award the following prizes:

High Honor Award \$1,000, Honor Award \$700, Merit Award \$300

Anonymity

The anonymity of ALL entries must be carefully preserved by the entrants. There shall be no names, logos, or identifying marks on the presentation boards. Any entry that does not maintain the entrant's anonymity will be disqualified and their entry fee will be forfeited to the BAA.



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Accessory Dwelling Unit Designer Cover Application:

Applicant Name(s):

Firm/Business Name:

Team Name (if applicable):

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email address:

Telephone:

Design Name:

Project Description (150 words maximum), including unit size.

Design Narrative (500 words maximum) describing how the solution satisfies the ADU minimum specifications that are detailed below, highlighting key features of the ADU.



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ADU Minimum Specifications:

- ADU designs shall be a dwelling unit with complete living facilities, including a sleeping area, kitchen, bathroom, and egress configured to be a separate, independent dwelling unit.
- Detached ADUs and attached ADUs that are a horizontal addition to the principal structure shall feature a permanent foundation or basement.
- Exterior materials shall be durable and residentially compatible, including or like finished masonry, brick, stone, wood, wood composite, cement-based siding, or glass, but need not match the principal structure's design, color pattern or materials on the lot.
- The maximum footprint shall not exceed 800 square feet.
- The Total habitable floor area shall not exceed 1,000 square feet, and the floor area shall not exceed 75% of the habitable floor area of the principal structure that is a one-family dwelling or 75% of the habitable floor area of the larger unit of a two-family dwelling principal structure.
- The judges will rate each entry on the functionality, accessibility, general affordability, innovation, aesthetics and overall, by the national AIA Framework of Excellence.
- Project site not defined. Location to be chosen by the designer to meet above specifications.

Please use the following checklist to ensure your submittal includes all required information and materials for review:

- Completed Designer Cover Application information as an 8 ½" x 11" PDF document.
- An ADU Narrative including a design description formatted as an 8 ½" x 11" PDF document.
- A single 24"x36" presentation board formatted as a color PDF document under 15MB in size. Please include your project description on this board.
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Next Steps

Contestants will have their submissions displayed during the 2024 Meeting in the Mountains conference.

For more information or if you have any related questions, don't hesitate to contact the Billings Architectural Association at <https://aiabillings.org/contact-us/>