Recognizing Excellence in Fine Architectural Woodwork

AWI’s widely-respected Award of Excellence Program distinguishes the finest custom architectural woodwork projects and acknowledges the efforts of the architects, design professionals, woodwork manufacturers responsible for those projects. Award winners receive Certificates of Excellence and the opportunity to have their distinctive projects published in Design Solutions, the quarterly journal of the Architectural Woodwork Institute.

**What’s eligible:** Only projects featuring woodwork manufactured by an AWI Manufacturing Member Company. Projects of any size are considered, including interiors, exteriors or specialty items. Selected and published projects are then eligible for the annual “Standards of Excellence” Award.

**Who can submit:** The architect, designer, woodworking firm, or project owner.

**How to submit:** Submissions may be made at any time. Follow these steps:

1) The AWI manufacturing member firm completes the
   a. **General Information Form** and the
   b. **AWI Woodwork Manufacturing Member Statement.**

2) The AWI manufacturing member firm exports and sends no more than 8 shop drawings in PDF form exported from their AutoCAD or similar program. Drawings should complement or refer to the project photographs.

3) The architect/design firm completes the **Architect/Designer Form.**

4) The project owner completes the **MANDATORY Owner’s Form.**

5) The photographer completes and signs release form granting permission to publish their images.

6) The participant responsible for submitting the project collects all the forms and photos of the project and sends them to AWI. **Forms** can be sent as email attachments. **Drawings** and **Photographs** by WeTransfer.

7) See Photography requirements on separate sheet.

**Design Solutions Submittal Schedule**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Winter Issue:</th>
<th>Submittals Due November 1</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Summer Issue:</td>
<td>Submittals Due May 1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Spring Issue:</th>
<th>Submittals due February 1</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Fall Issue:</td>
<td>Submittals due August 1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Send Submissions to:**

Margaret Fisher, MFisher@awinet.org, direct line 571-926-5522
Architectural Woodwork Institute
46179 Westlake Dr., Suite 120, Potomac Falls, VA 20165
Award of Excellence Program
Image Specifications for Project Photos

Award of Excellence Program
Specifications for project images

All photographic images submitted to AWI for inclusion in Design Solutions Magazine must meet these criteria:

1. Images should be shot using professional DSLR with minimum resolution 12 megapixel+ capabilities
2. Image size should be at least 9" X 12" @100% and @300DPI.
3. ISO should not EXCEED 200 (50 to 100 is optimal)
5. Professional photographers shoot RAW images. The RAW format is best.
6. The photographer should submit images in the following formats: JPG, EPS and TIF format (from RAW files) are acceptable. And / or RAW files can also be submitted with the project.

Please Note:
- Images should NOT be cropped or interpolated up from original size!
- Images cannot be sent by way of email due to the huge file sizes. Send by WeTransfer.
- Images meeting this specification typically will yield a photo file size of 34-40+ MB when opened in Adobe Photo Shop software.
- You may send up to 12 photos. Generally only 6-10 photos are used.
- One exterior photo is expected to be able to show the personality of the building.
- At least one Photo needs to be a vertical (portrait oriented shot).
- Do not attach the photos to the shop drawings. Send in a separate We Transfer mailing.

Photographic image files should be labeled with name of woodworker and name of project.

PHOTOGRAPHER’S RELEASE FORM IS REQUIRED. Please send the completed and signed Photographer’s Release Form with the images by WeTransfer.
Award of Excellence Program
Design Solutions Magazine Photographer’s Release Form

By signature of (the photographer’s name) ________________________________ grants permission to The Architectural Woodwork Institute to reproduce the copyrighted images of the project known as __________________________________________ that has been created for (the photographer’s customer name) ________________________________.

The images are intended for use in the Architectural Woodwork Institute’s Design Solutions magazine in both print and digital media. Regardless of the format of an image’s use, photographer credit will be stated. Please tell us how you want your by-line to read: __________________________________________

Signature of the photographer releases The Architectural Woodwork Institute and Design Solutions Magazine from any copyright infringement.

Photographer, please check one line:

___ The copyright is being released on all photos taken for customer and project.

___ The copyright is being released on only these selected images below:

______________________________________________   _____________________

Photographer’s Signature        Date

Mailing Address: ________________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ________________ Zip: __________________________

Phone: ___________________________ Email: __________________________________________

NOTE: All professionally taken photos must be accompanied by a signed written release from the photographer or studio that your photo(s) originated from. Professional photos submitted to the Architectural Woodwork Institute and or Design Solutions Magazine without a release can not be used and is cause of an Award of Excellence Submittal’s rejection.

____________________________________________________  _____________________________________

Name of person/company that hired photographer   Contact Info
Award of Excellence Program
General Information Form

► Project Name & Location: ______________________________________________________
Submit all by AWI Member Firm ________________________________________________

► Project Owner’s Name: ___________________________________________   Website: ______________________
Contact Person: __________________________   Phone: _________________  Email: _____________________

► Architect/Design Firm: ______________________________________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________     Website: __________________________
Contact Person: __________________________   Phone: _________________  Email: _____________________

► Woodworking Firm: __________________________________________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________     Website: __________________________
Contact Person: __________________________   Phone: _________________  Email: _____________________

► General Contractor: __________________________________________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________     Website: __________________________
Contact Person: __________________________   Phone: _________________  Email: _____________________

► Photographer’s Name: _________________________________________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________     Email: _____________________________
(Please be sure to include signed Photographer’s image release form)

Please supply names of AWI Supplier Members on Project (optional) and the nature of their contributions to this project. Credit will be given to firms providing items such as hardware, veneer, plywood, decorative laminate, installation, etc.

Check here □ if project was completed under AWI’s Quality Certification Program (QCP)
Award of Excellence Program
AWI Manufacturing Member Statement

Name of Project ____________________________________________________________

Person Completing Form __________________________________________________ PH: ____________________

Answer questions carefully and completely. The information provided will be quoted within the Design Solutions article and attributed to the person completing this form. Your descriptive statement is not limited to these questions. Please feel free to expand your answers to include information important to describe the project. Information may be submitted separate from this form. Supplemental materials may be included as well.

• List the major architectural woodwork items you fabricated for the project, such as paneling, conference table, desks, etc.

• Who installed the woodwork? If not your firm, is the installer an AWI Supplier Member?

• What woods were used on which items listed in the project? What finishes were used? Please describe any unique veneer matching or other characteristics of the woodwork.

• What woodwork items do you consider to be the most intricate, difficult or noteworthy? Why?

• What design or technical assistance did you provide?

• How did you help the project team meet scheduling and budget objectives?

• How would you summarize your working relationship with the architect/designer?

Please include some background information on your firm for the Woodworker’s Profile, as well as the name of the Project Manager, Engineering Manager, Production Manager or others who worked on this project. AWI will contact you to obtain selected shop drawings to be rendered and used in coordination with selected images.
Award of Excellence Program
Architect/Design Firm Statement

Name of Project

Person Completing Form PH:

Answer questions carefully and completely. The information provided will be quoted within the Design Solutions article and attributed to the person completing this form. Your descriptive statement is not limited to these questions. Please feel free to expand your answers to include information important to describe the project. Information may be submitted separate from this form. Supplemental materials may be included as well.

• What is the scope of the project in terms of size, approximate cost, and time frame from inception to completion?

• What were the primary design considerations and objectives?

• In what way were these objectives achieved?

• What specific styling cues were used in the design and why?

• Were there any unusual aspects or special problems associated with the project?

• What woods were used in the design, where used and why were they selected?

• What items produced by the woodworking firm do you consider the most intricate or noteworthy? Why?

• How would you summarize your working relationship with the woodworking firm? Did they provide any special assistance?

• What was the most challenging aspect of the project? Why?
Award of Excellence Program
Project Owner Statement

Name of Project______________________________________________________

Print Name of Person Completing Form : ________________________________________________________

As Owner or designated representative, I hereby give permission for AWI to publish this project:

► Signature: _____________________________________________   Date: ____________________

Answer questions carefully and completely. The information provided will be quoted within the Design Solutions article and attributed to the person completing this form. Your descriptive statement is not limited to these questions. Please feel free to expand your answers to include information important to describe the project. Information may be submitted separate from this form. Supplemental materials may be included as well.

• What were your primary considerations and objectives in incorporating woodwork in the project?

• How were these objectives realized?

• What were your major considerations in your choices of wood? How involved were you in selecting the woods used?

• Of the various items produced by the woodworking firm, which do you consider the most difficult or noteworthy? Why?

• How would you summarize your working relationship with the woodworking firm? Did they provide any special assistance?

• Please provide some background information on your company or building.