



SURFACE DESIGN ASSOCIATION

Award of Excellence Guidelines

AVAILABILITY

The SDA *Award of Excellence* acknowledges accomplishment in textile and fiber by the juror or judge of an exhibit that is open to the public or is part of a conference. The *Award of Excellence* is a one-year premium digital membership in SDA, including all member benefits.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the award is to reward excellence and innovation in textile and fiber art, and promote the mission of SDA, furthering the field of textiles and fiber art.

ELIGIBILITY

Awards of Excellence are presented by the juror or judge of an exhibition, fashion show or conference exhibition that is juried or curated for entry and judged for awards.

STIPULATIONS

- Accepted work must be professionally presented, including entries in fashion shows.
- Exhibits must be open to the public for a minimum of one day or be part of a conference.
- The award criteria are creativity, originality, innovation and excellence of surface design and technique.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete the application form

After completing the application form, please email any call for entries or prospectus for the exhibit (or draft version) to awardsadministrator@surfacedesign.org

You will be notified as soon as your application is approved so you can include reference to the award in the printed prospectus of the exhibition. SDA welcomes images and descriptions of award-winning work for use in marketing and cross promotion.

The award package, including a wall tag and a certificate for the winner, is usually sent four weeks prior to the judging date. If nothing is received, contact the administrator.

PLEASE NOTE: Sponsoring groups for exhibitions **MUST** seek confirmation of the *Award of Excellence* prior to announcing the inclusion of the award to potential exhibition artists. Only a set number of awards are available each year. Failure to seek approval could make receipt of the award null and void.

DEADLINES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Exhibition organizers/curators may apply for the *Award of Excellence* annually or for each exhibit installation. Questions should be directed to the [Awards Administrator](#).