AIA | DC

WASHINGTON ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION

2026 CORPORATE AND FIRM MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

140 years serving DC's architects

AIA|DC empowers our members, profession, and community to advance the value of architecture and design in Washington DC, and to create a more resilient future.

Founded in 1887, the Washington Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA|DC) serves the Nation's Capital, functioning as both the "local" and "state" component of the AIA for the District of Columbia. The Chapter was intimately involved in the design and planning of Washington, DC, and continues to play an active role in city development today.

Who we are today

Representing over 2,100 architects and designers in DC, AIA|DC provides programs and events for career development, ensuring a network of connected professionals who continue to push the boundaries of architecture in DC. The Washington Architectural Foundation (WAF) works with students, teachers, and the public through community programming and exhibits to demonstrate the transformative power of architecture.

The District Architecture Center (DAC) is a partnership between AIA|DC and WAF connecting learners and career professionals with the bright future of students in all DC communities.

WHY

BE A CORPORATE MEMBER AT AIA|DC?

At AIA|DC we understand the expansive network that is architecture, and that without you, buildings would remain in the ideas stage. Architects depend on your materials, software, advice, tools, and partnership to create the built world around us. As a corporate member, you play an essential role in the work we do in the architecture community, as well as the DC community as a whole. From award ceremonies and conferences to public exhibitions and school programs, corporate members join us in serving the public and the profession in the best possible way. This support is recognized with exclusive benefits and mission alignment.

As the fifth largest chapter of AIA in the country with a historic foundation, we have the unique power to connect our deep partnerships with emerging professionals and community members. Our corporate members receive not only these exclusive benefits, but the opportunity to be a part of this ever growing network. We're offering year-round benefits and recognition for organizations of all sizes and types, including firms and affiliated companies.

Join us today and support the future of architecture in the nation's capital.

OVER 2,100 AIA MEMBERS

10+ PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES

64 LUNCHTIME LEARNING ATTENDEES (ON AVERAGE)

400 CHILDREN WHO ENGAGE WITH ARCHITECTURE IN DC SCHOOLS ANNUALLY

2 MAJOR EVENTS CONNECT FIRM OWNERS WITH CORPORATE AFFILIATES

450 TONS OF FOOD DONATED THROUGH CANSTRUCTION EVERY THANKSGIVING

AIA|DC 2026

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP LEVELS AT A GLANCE

	PREMIERE $15,000	PLATINUM $10,000	GOLD $5,000	SILVER $3,000	BRONZE $1,500
Page in AIA|DC online directory, including sponsor logo, description, and link	●	●	●	●	●
Receive member newsletter	●	●	●	●	●
Receive ArchitectureDC magazine	●	●	●	●	●
Recognition with logo at major chapter events	●	●	●	●	●
Invitations to member events	●	●	●	●	●
Banner in member newsletter	24 weeks	12 weeks	6 weeks	3 weeks	1 week
Advertising in ArchitectureDC	4 weeks *½ page*	4 weeks *¼ page*	10% Discount	10% Discount	10% Discount
Promotional use of the title “Corporate Member of AIA|DC” and Corporate Member badge	●	●	●	●	●
Continuing Education Webinar – hosted and promoted by AIA|DC	3	2	1	1	1
Member rate on job postings, programs, and events	●	●	●	●	●
Ticket to DC Design Awards	4	3	2	1	
Introduce speakers at AIA|DC event	●	●	●		
Opportunity to host 1 chapter event	●	●	●		
Social media promotion	Quarterly Social Media Push	2x Social Media Push	1x Social Media Push		
Opportunity to submit content to the AIA|DC calendar	●	●			

With a range of partners, we recognize that each organization has different goals. While the base package includes annual benefits, our sponsorship packages can be customized to fit your organization’s objectives.

FIRM

AIA|DC 2026 FIRM MEMBERSHIP

Firms shape the future of architecture in DC by connecting professionals with important resources to continue their careers. Our updated firm membership includes benefits that serve these professionals and your firm in a more robust way.

Firms can apply for free membership at this level if over 75% of their eligible employees are AIA|DC members.

FIRM PARTNER • $5,000

FIRMS RECEIVE

- Page in AIA|DC Online Directory, including firm logo, description, and link
- Receive ArchitectureDC magazine
- Recognition with logo on signage at major events
- Member rate on job postings, programs, and events
- Invitations to member events
- Recognition on the AIA|DC website

SPONSOR

EXPAND YOUR IMPACT
ENHANCE YOUR VISIBILITY

ADD-ON A SIGNATURE EVENT SPONSORSHIP TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Your corporate membership ensures year-round benefits and access to AIA|DC and architecture professionals. To build upon this membership, consider sponsoring one or more of our signature events. In addition to your annual benefits, you will have the opportunity to network with industry professionals, access to a dedicated audience, and further show your commitment to advancing architecture in DC.

DesignDC Conference
October 27-28, 2026

In a two day conference format, DesignDC brings design professionals from across the industry together to share their perspectives and explore new approaches to ongoing architecture challenges.

	Closing Party Sponsor $5,000	Break Area Sponsor $2,500	Nametag Sponsor $1,500	Educational Session Sponsor $1,000
Opportunity to host closing night party at your showroom	●			
6 ft. table in break area		●		
Video feature on social media	1-minute video	30-second video		
Logo on event page and promotional materials	●	●	●	●
# of tickets to attend	4	3	1	1
Attendee list after the event	●	●	●	●
Organization name on name tags			●	
Introduce speaker and sponsor at session				●
Ad feature in newsletter	2 full pages	1 full page	2 full pages	½ page

DC Design Awards
December 2, 2026

This year, we're excited to offer our award ceremony and celebration of architecture as one signature event. Join us in honoring those individuals who have made DC a better place through their contributions as designers and advocates.

	Platinum $25,000	Gold $10,000	Bar $10,000	Brass $7,500	Signature Cocktail $5,000	Silver $5,000	Bronze $2,000
Recognition from the podium	●	●	●				
Discount on afterparty tickets	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Logo on display at reception	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Logo on website and printed materials	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Logo on screen during award ceremony	●	●	●	●		●	
# of reserved seats at ceremony and reception	20	10	10	8	5	5	2
30 second video promotion on AIA|DC's Instagram	●	●					
Video during award ceremony	●						
Branded napkins and signage at bar					●		

JOIN

BECOME A CORPORATE MEMBER

Ready to join us as we inspire architects and architecture-lovers across DC?

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We look forward to welcoming you to our growing network of corporate members.