



## Award of Excellence Application Guidelines

### **Availability**

The SDA Award of Excellence is given for excellence in surface design by the juror or judge of an exhibit that is open to the public or is part of a conference. Surface design includes the coloring, patterning, and structuring of fiber and fabric. It involves the creative exploration of processes such as dyeing, painting, printing, stitching, embellishing, quilting, weaving, knitting, felting, and papermaking. The award consists of a one-year membership in SDA and publication of an image of the award-winning piece on the SDA website Gallery page.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the award is to increase awareness of the Surface Design Association by rewarding creative and innovative applications of surface design.

### **Eligibility**

Awards of Excellence are presented by the juror or judge of an exhibit, fashion show, or conference exhibit 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**

Email the following application as a Word document or in the body of the email to the SDA Award Chair at [SDAaward@surfacedesign.org](mailto:SDAaward@surfacedesign.org). Please keep a copy of this application in case of email difficulties. You will be notified as soon as your application is approved so you can include reference to the award in the printed prospectus. The award package will usually be sent out four weeks before the judging date.

### **Deadlines and Contact Information**

Curators may apply for the Award of Excellence annually or for each exhibit installation. If you have questions, contact the SDA Award Chair at [SDAaward@surfacedesign.org](mailto:SDAaward@surfacedesign.org).

Application follows.

## Award of Excellence Application

1. Organization

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

2. Curator/Contact

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

3. Exhibit name \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit any call for entries or prospectus for the exhibit (or draft version).

4. Conference name (if part of a conference) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Exhibit dates \_\_\_\_\_

6. Date of SDA Award winner selection \_\_\_\_\_

7. Location of Exhibit (Gallery name, address \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Name of Juror/Judge \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a resume or description of qualifications.

9. This exhibit is: annual \_\_\_ biennial \_\_\_ one-time \_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

10. How did you hear about the SDA Award of Excellence?

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Please email the completed application or send any questions to [SDAaward@surfacedesign.org](mailto:SDAaward@surfacedesign.org).