



SHN AWARDS

# STUDENT ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN CATEGORY

Senior Housing News (SHN) is seeking undergraduate and graduate students to participate in a senior housing architecture and design challenge. This contest gives students an opportunity to create industry-specific work and gain feedback from industry professionals. The senior housing sector faces incredible challenges around housing and caring for elderly individuals worldwide. This program will expose students to the design criteria and thought processes needed in developing housing solutions for this growing population.

The intent of the competition is to provide a practical design challenge for use in an architecture design studio or course. Any class or school participating shall be responsible for students' participation and decisions relating to participation in the competition.

### The competition seeks entries for the following:

- Architecture Design
- Interior Design



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# COMPETITION DETAILS

## Business Case & Overview

Students shall work to create a submission for a client, ABC Personal Care, that is a design for a 19-unit assisted living community that incorporates a common area (“Town Center”). This community, situated in Scarborough, Maine, will cater to a broad segment of the elderly population that provides flexibility for older adults with low to moderate levels of cognitive impairment and their families are looking for options that provide quality care in a stigma-free, residential environment.

Submissions for the competition should be responsive to the client’s philosophy of care, which is centered on the delicate balance between offering independence to residents, while still providing an environment secure enough to facilitate excellent care. Students should take into consideration that residents should be allowed to come and go as they please and allow residents with wandering tendencies to be safe and monitored.

ABC Personal Care is sited on a quiet residential street in a suburban neighborhood, a high-moderate income area with a walkable ‘main street’ located on the same block as the project site. Drawing from the surrounding neighborhood and beyond, the facility should allow older adults to maintain connections to the community and live in an environment that is at the same scale and context of the existing residential street. This approach to siting senior housing further reinforces the normal, home-like setting created by the interior environments which allows residents to maintain dignity and independence as they transition into a new chapter of their lives.

Entrants do not need to submit both and can choose from either category. Project files and specifications such as shell floor plans, details on services and activities proposed and topographical information can be downloaded at [www.shnawards.com/student](http://www.shnawards.com/student).

[Architecture Design Brief](#)

[Interior Design Brief](#)



## Rules

All submissions must be completed by a student and/or class and a faculty sponsor. If working in a team setting, no more than 5 students should be part of each team. Projects are meant to be incorporated into the curriculum for the school year and should principally be part of a specific program, design studio or related class.

Judging will be comprise 4 industry professionals and two professors from universities.

### **SUBMISSIONS CAN INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:**

- 2-D and 3-D renderings that show the character of the project (Minimum of 2, Maximum of 8)
- Site Plan with buildings and natural elements with scale elements
- Building and site sections that illustrate program elements
- Floor plans to exhibit spatial arrangement and program elements
- Elevations with specific reference to other material
- All submission material must be submitted as PDF or JPEG files
- See individual brief for specific category detail

## Entry Costs & Requirements

Cost to enter is free. Incomplete or partial submissions shall not be judged nor considered. A complete submission will need to adhere to project deliverables outlined in the individual design specifications

## Award Categories

A winner and runner up will be selected for the two student categories. Each submission will receive written feedback from the judges and requests can be made of the judges for a conference call and/ or possible visit for the class submitting the project. The winner and runner up will receive a plaque for their submission and posted to the SHN Awards website and included in SHN's press release and news coverage. The winning submission for each category (Architecture and Interior) will win \$500.



## Timeline

- June 2017                      Announcement of 2017 and share program with professors – call for programs
- Summer 2017                      2017 Promotional Activities
- September 5th                      Open registration begins
- September 11th                      Question + Answer period begins
- October 31st                      Q+A period closes
- November 13th                      All submissions are due
- December 1st                      Judges meet to select semi-finalists and honorable mentions
- December 11th                      Announcement of winner on press release, social media, SHN

**All materials should be submitted at [www.shnawards.com/enter](http://www.shnawards.com/enter)**

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