

Designing for Inclusivity: Commercial Hospitality ADA Gender-Neutral Restroom

The NEWH South Florida Chapter is excited to announce an interior design \$6,000 scholarship challenge for 2024. We're inviting talented interior design students to participate in this unique opportunity to showcase their creativity and contribute to the future of inclusive hospitality design.

Challenge Description

Interior design students are tasked with designing a sustainable Commercial Hospitality ADA Public Restroom for all genders (Gender-Neutral Restroom). This restroom could be located in any setting of your choosing. **The restroom should include a minimum of 1 wheelchair accessible toilet compartment, 1 family compartment, 2-3 toilet compartments, urinals, and lavatories.** This challenge is aimed at encouraging young designers to think creatively about inclusive design that meets the needs of all guests. Your design should reflect the following elements:

Functionality and Accessibility

- Create a bathroom design that adheres to ADA guidelines, ensuring ease of use for individuals with disabilities.
- Ensure the space is practical for families, with features that accommodate both adults and children.
- Select fixtures that adhere to environmentally sustainable practices such as water conservation.

Inclusivity and Innovation

- The design should be innovative, promoting inclusivity and comfort for all users.
- Consider the different needs and preferences of a diverse range of guests, including those with disabilities and families with young children.

Aesthetic Appeal

- While functionality is key, the design should also be visually appealing, reflecting contemporary trends in hospitality design.
- Use materials, colors, and furnishings that create an inviting and relaxing atmosphere.

Submission Requirements

1. Scholarship Criteria:

- Actively enrolled domestic or international interior design or architecture students: 4-year sophomore/second year and above, or graduate level attending college in: Southern Florida
- The competition can be completed individually or as a team. Teams: The team can be composed of no more than (3) students who meet the criteria. If awarded, students will split the \$6,000 scholarship.
- 3.0 GPA (cumulative) overall "B" average or grade percentage of 83% – 86% equivalent.
- Financial need through college for past/current/upcoming tuition or program approved books/supplies.
- Major and career objective within a hospitality related field.

- Winner(s) must be available to attend the awards event on Saturday, October 19th at our Golden Palm Awards (attendance is mandatory for the winner(s), otherwise funds will not be transferred).
- Project Submittal Form: ALL projects MUST include this form.
- Due date for all submittals: **Friday, October 4th, 2024, at 11:59 pm EST**

2. Design Concept Statement

- Submit a brief description (300-500 words) explaining your design concept and process. Include insights on:
 - ✓ How you approached the design challenge.
 - ✓ The inclusive elements incorporated into your design.
 - ✓ Any innovative features that enhance usability and comfort.
 - ✓ The aesthetic choices made to ensure the space is both functional and appealing.

3. Design Documentation

- Provide a detailed ADA and Inclusive floor plan, reflected ceiling plan, and finish plan.
- Ensure each plan has dimensions and labels of items used.
- Provide a minimum of 4 detailed rendered elevations that speak to your design.
- Provide two detailed sections which provide detailed information such as dimensions, clearances tags of your fixtures and accessories. These should clearly depict the layout, fixtures, and accessibility features.
- Provide 2 renderings that tell your design concept.
- Provide all schedule of all lighting, plumbing, accessories, and finishes.
- Provide the manufacture name, style, model, color, size and sustainable criteria in your schedule.
- Lighting schedule should include color temperature.
- Additional elevations and sections are welcomed to support your design.

4. Document Format

- All submissions must be sent in PDF format with a cover page no greater than 10MB.
- The document name should follow this format: firstnamelastname_restroom.pdf
- For group submissions (maximum of three students), the document name should follow this format: groupname_restroom.pdf
- Include the Project Submittal Form

Judging Criteria

Submissions will be judged on the following criteria:

- **Narrative:** The concept presented is directly related to the design.
- **Adherence to ADA Guidelines:** Ensuring the design meets all necessary accessibility requirements.
- **Creativity and Innovation:** The originality of the design and the innovative solutions proposed.
- **Functionality:** The practicality and usability of the space for all potential users.
- **Aesthetic Quality:** The visual appeal and contemporary style of the design.
- **Equipment:** All products used provide applicability to commercial use and sustainability practices.

Important Dates

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- **Winners Announced:** Recipient(s) will be honored Saturday, October 19th at our Golden Palm Awards (attendance is mandatory for the winner(s), otherwise funds will not be transferred).

Award

- Awarded funds are made payable to the student's college and mailed directly to the college. Funds are never payable to a student. Unused funds are returned to NEWH. Awarded funds may only be applied toward tuition or program approved books/supplies (past, current or upcoming expenses). Awarded funds cannot be used for anything else (housing, personal needs, etc.).
- Scholarship funds must be paid out by NEWH within 12 months after awarding. Any remaining funds after 12 months will be returned to NEWH and no longer available to scholarship recipients.

How to Enter

Please submit your design proposal in PDF format with a cover page via email to southfl@newh.org by **Friday, October 4th, 2024, 11:59 pm EST**. The email subject line should read: "Designing for Inclusivity Scholarship Challenge".

Name your document using the following format: firstnamelastname_restroomdesign.pdf

For group submissions, name your document using the following format: groupname_restroomdesign.pdf

Questions? Please email southfl@newh.org