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The Elizabeth Bullard Award

Elizabeth Bullard, n.d. Photo courtesy The Cultural Landscape Foundation

The **Elizabeth Bullard Award** was established by the Executive Board in January 2020 to recognize the achievements of female landscape architects in Connecticut and advance the goal of gender equity in the profession. It is given annually by the chapter president on behalf of the Executive Committee which receives and reviews nominations from eligible chapter members.

The award celebrates the life and legacy of Elizabeth Jane Bullard, the first woman to practice landscape architecture and a resident of Bridgeport, Connecticut. In December of 1899, she was duly elected as a fellow of ASLA. This made her the first non-founding member of ASLA and the second woman to join behind Beatrix Farrand.

Unfortunately, her contributions to the profession were ignored in early histories of the Society, and her pioneering legacy was forgotten for over a hundred years. In the Spring 2020 issue of *The Connecticut Landscape Architect*, our chapter has provided a feature article on her life and career. Elizabeth helped dispel the prejudice and public sentiment against women pursuing professional careers. In an undated letter to a friend, she wrote:

"*I am convinced that this field is open to the women of the future, as well as that of the interior decoration of homes where women live, and in which, outdoors and in, they should be mostly deeply interested.*"

Through this award, ASLA Connecticut seeks to elevate the works, leadership, knowledge, and service of women in landscape architecture and ensure that Elizabeth Bullard is never forgotten again.

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1. Who is eligible to receive this award?

The Elizabeth Bullard Award is open to ASLA Connecticut chapter members regardless of membership type. Student ASLA members affiliated with the University of Connecticut program of landscape architecture are also eligible.

In the spirit of this award, nominees should currently identify as women, including those who are nonbinary, gender nonconforming, or were assigned male at birth. No specific documentation is required to verify a nominee's gender.

2. What are the criteria for nominations?

Nominees may self-nominate or be nominated by others. If nominating someone else for this award, please obtain their consent before submitting any materials.

Nominations may be made to recognize any of the following types of achievements:

Works: Mastery of landscape architectural design or planning over a sustained period of time and evidenced through numerous built examples.

Leadership: Exemplary administration or management of people, projects, policies, and/or programs that have advanced the profession.

Knowledge: Significant contributions to profession that have expanded its knowledge base or teaching of design principles.

Service: Sustained pro bono activities that have advanced public recognition and understanding of landscape architecture.

While these categories are similar to those used for ASLA's Council of Fellows, nominations need not be as detailed and exacting! If merited, more than one type of achievement may be used as the basis for a nomination.

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3. What nominating materials should be submitted?

Submitted materials should include the following:

1. A **Nomination Statement** that summarizes the nominee's worthiness for recognition. Please clearly state the type(s) of achievements that distinguish the nominee's career.

2. Up to (3) **Examples** that document or recognize the nominee's achievements. PDFs or internet hyperlinks may be used. Nominees are encouraged to use existing content, news articles, or other sources if practical and appropriate.

Nominations should be submitted digitally using the online form. Supporting materials can also be emailed to awards@ctasla.org

4. What is the deadline for submissions?

The period for submissions has been extended! Nominations will be received by the Executive Committee until 5:00pm on **Friday, October 16th.**

5. Who decides the winner of this award?

The jury for the Elizabeth Bullard Award will consist of five (5) chapter members. At least a simple majority of the jury shall be women.

By default, the chapter President and any women on the Executive Committee will serve as jurors. If this is not sufficient to convene a full jury, then this group shall select additional chapter members to serve as jurors. If a prospective juror has submitted a nomination for someone else OR been nominated themselves, then they shall recuse themselves from serving on the jury.

The jury will review and debate the merits of each nomination separately. Among all of the nominations, the jury will select a winner by ranked choice voting. The chapter President will then confer the award to the winner at a chapter event within the same calendar year.