



HOME PLUS ONE is an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) design competition for professionals and students that incorporates principles of universal design. The competition invites submissions for detached accessory dwellings that are designed to meet the needs of the area's older residents.

COMPETITION OBJECTIVES

1. Educate key stakeholders on the specifics of universal and age-friendly design.
2. Build awareness around ADUs as a viable option for housing that supports aging in place.
3. Generate buildable ADU plans which incorporate key universal design elements.
4. Provide a cash prize for winning designs: professional first, second and third places (\$5,000, \$3,000, \$2,000) and student first and second places (\$2,000, \$500).

HOW TO SUBMIT A DESIGN

Visit the competition website at www.betterlivingdesign.org/hpo-get-started.

1. Review the Competition Guide for eligibility, submission requirements, and design criteria.
2. Register to ensure you receive updates from the competition organizers.
3. Submit your designs through the portal no later than Sept. 30, 2026.



QUESTIONS?

Contact Communities for All Ages Program Manager Lauren Schaumburg at lschaumburg@marc.org.

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