

# The J. Neel Reid Prize 2026



## Architect J. Neel Reid

Architect Neel Reid (and his partners in Hentz, Reid & Adler) founded the Georgia School of Classicists after study at Columbia University and abroad. Many sources influenced Reid's architecture, and his interior and garden designs. His travel diary, sketchbooks, scrapbooks and extensive library reflect this. His early-twentieth-century interest in historic preservation and contextual design, in architectural education and professional standards of practice inspired others long after his tragic early death of a brain tumor in 1926.

Reid's father's family were Troup County, Georgia pioneers; he grew up in Macon, beginning apprenticeship and practice there before, in 1909, moving to Atlanta. *J. Neel Reid, Architect* by William R. Mitchell, Jr., published by the Georgia Trust, gives new life to Reid's rich legacy, keeping his influence fresh in this new century. The J. Neel Prize, provided by a Georgia Trust fund produced from the sale of the book, helps ensure continuation of Reid's influence among a new generation of architects.

## Program Description

The J. Neel Reid Prize of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to a student, an intern or a recently registered professional in the field of architecture or landscape architecture for study travel that honors the legacy of Neel Reid.

The Prize will be announced in May at the 2026 Neel Reid Lecture. The study travel should be completed within one calendar year of being received.

## Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicant must be a student, intern or recently registered professional in the field of architecture or landscape architecture.
- The focus of the study travel should involve historic architecture (built prior to Neel Reid's death in 1926), historic landscapes, preservation of classic architecture or new construction that is classic and context-related.
- Applicants are encouraged to propose an independent study, but participation in an existing program is acceptable.
- The recipient will be required to provide a report to the Georgia Trust within six months of returning from study travel experience. Travel may be to any location in the world where the objectives of the program can be met.
- Priority will be given to those applicants with a connection to Georgia (a Georgia resident, a student in a Georgia academic institution, or an employee of a Georgia firm).

**Applications must be emailed or postmarked by Monday, April 6, 2026**

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## Application Requirements:

- **Form.** Completed application form.
- **Objective.** In 300 words or less state the objective of the applicant's study and how it furthers the legacy of J. Neel Reid
- **Summary of Proposed Study Travel.** In 300 words or less summarize the applicant's proposed travel project, including itinerary, budget, etc.
- **Portfolio.** Include *no more than* three illustrations that showcase the applicant's graphic skills with an emphasis on drawing.
- **Resume.** Be sure to list academic honors, internships, and employment history on your resume.
- **Three Letters of Support.** Provide three letters of support from professionals who are familiar with the applicant's work and scholarship.

## Application Submission

Emailed nominations are encouraged; large files can be shared through Dropbox, Google Drive\* or any file sharing software. \*If using Google Drive, please share with [geogiatrusthp@gmail.com](mailto:geogiatrusthp@gmail.com) and confirm submission to email listed below.

### Email or mail nominations to:

[preservation@geogiatrust.org](mailto:preservation@geogiatrust.org)

J. Neel Reid Prize  
The Georgia Trust  
1516 Peachtree St. NW  
Atlanta, GA 30309

### Direct any questions to:

Preservation Department  
404-885-7817  
[preservation@geogiatrust.org](mailto:preservation@geogiatrust.org)

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## Application

### Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Current Academic/Career status: \_\_\_\_\_

Recently registered in  Architecture  Landscape Architecture?

Date registered: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident of Georgia?  Yes  No

### Education

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please be sure to include other *Application Requirements* outlined on previous page.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby verify that the above information is accurate and correct. If chosen for the J. Neel Reid Prize, I will provide a sketchbook and a written summary of my findings to the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation within six months of returning from the study travel and agree that these items will remain the property of the Trust. I also agree that I will be available to give up to two presentations of my findings to the Trust.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_