

# **AWARD CATEGORIES**

**NOTE:** **Cost is defined as** contract price, all extras, change orders and the fair market value of materials and products that were purchased, sweat-equity and in-kind services provided, and/or any subcontract work. The cost of all homeowner provided products, services, or labor should be included in this cost. All mark-ups and profit should be included in the cost provided. For member-owned projects, costs should include normal mark-ups as if the project was contracted to an outside client.

## **RESIDENTIAL**

**RESIDENTIAL ADDITION:** *Under \$1050,000; \$50,001 - \$100,000; \$100,000 to \$175,000; \$175,001 to \$250,000; Over \$250,000*

Best residential addition with a total project cost of, one of the above stated dollar amount categories. Includes, but is not limited to, **additions, add-a-levels, or attic build-outs, which increases livable space of the existing home.** The project cannot have changed the exterior footprint or elevations of the existing residential structure in more than one location. Interior and exterior photos may be used.

**RESIDENTIAL BASEMENT:** *Under \$50,000; Over \$50,000*

Best basement conversion with work that must be done within the existing walls of a residential structure. Additions are excluded from this category. Only interior photos may be used.

**RESIDENTIAL BATH:** *Under \$15,000; \$15,000 to \$30,000; \$30,001 to \$45,000; \$45,000 - \$60,000; \$60,001 to \$75,000; \$75,001 to \$100,000; 100,001 to \$250,000; Over \$250,000*

Best residential bath remodel with a total project cost of one of the above stated dollar amount categories. Only interior photos may be used.

**ENTIRE HOUSE:** *Under \$100,000; \$100,001 - 250,000; \$250,000 to \$500,000; \$500,001 to \$750,000; \$750,001 to 1,000,000; Over \$1,000,000*

A project, with a total project cost of one of the above stated dollar amount categories, that remodeled or renovated a substantial portion of the entire residential house, inside and outside, or where multiple additions and/or style changes in footprint or elevation have been made in more than one location.

**RESIDENTIAL EXTERIOR:** *Under \$50,000; \$50,001 - \$100,000; \$100,000 to \$175,000; \$175,001 to \$250,000; Over \$250,000*  
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Best exterior project with a total project cost of one of the above dollar amount categories. Includes, but is not limited to, alterations to the exterior of a residential building such as **porticos, porches, pagodas, outdoor kitchens, decks, glass or screen enclosures or greenhouse rooms (unconditioned spaces), windows, dormers, and exterior resurfacings like siding, stucco, etc. which enhances the overall appearance of the exterior.** NOTE: Only exterior photographs may be used.

Also included may be detached structures such as **garages, pool houses, studios, guesthouses, sheds, gazebos, pavilions, etc.** NOTE: Interior and exterior photos may be used if the entry is a detached structure.

### **RESIDENTIAL EXTERIOR SPECIALTY**

This category represents a special exterior element of a project. It includes, but is not limited to such projects as:

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| Arbors                     | Outdoor Lighting                     |
| Columns                    | Best Use of Lighting Control Systems |
| Decks                      | Pagodas                              |
| Driveways                  | Patios & Terraces                    |
| Fences & Gates             | Retaining Walls                      |
| Fountains & Water Features | Swimming Pools & Spas                |
| Free-Standing Fireplaces   | Trellises                            |
| Other Masonry Elements     | Walkways                             |

Only exterior photos may be used. The residential exterior specialty must be specified in the entry materials and in the descriptive text in order to qualify.

### **RESIDENTIAL HISTORICAL RENOVATION/RESTORATION: Under \$250,000; Over \$250,000**

The renovation/restoration of the interior and/or exterior of a residential structure, or addition to a residential structure, originally built at least 75 years ago. Any and all changes are to have closely matched architectural style and building type. Any and all products used are to be of a material authentic in style to the area in which the building was originally built, paying special attention to period trim detail and period coloring. Restoration of missing historic features and added structures are to respect the essential historic character and architectural style of original building design.

### **RESIDENTIAL INTERIOR: Under \$50,000; \$50,001 - \$100,000; \$100,000 to \$175,000; \$175,001 to \$250,000; Over \$250,000**

Best residential interior remodel with a total project cost of one of the above stated dollar amount categories. Includes, but is not limited to, such projects as **family or recreation room remodeling, attic or basement conversions, etc.** Work must be done within the existing walls of a residential structure. This category does not include room additions. Only interior photos may be used.

### **RESIDENTIAL INTERIOR SPECIALTY: Under \$30,000; Over \$30,000**

This category represents one special interior element of a total project cost of one of the two above stated dollar amount categories (i.e. Under \$30,000 or over \$30,000). It includes, but is not limited to such projects as **railings and columns; brick, stone and masonry work; tiling; air conditioning and heating; fireplaces; vestibules; insulation; kitchen hoods; glass block; wall finishes such as plaster; flooring; best use of lighting or lighting control systems, or home automation.** Work must have been done to the interior of an existing residential structure, and only interior photos may be used. The residential interior specialty must be specified in the entry materials and in the descriptive text in order to qualify.

**RESIDENTIAL KITCHEN:** *Under \$15,000; \$15,000 to \$30,000; \$30,001 to \$45,000; \$45,001 to \$60,000; \$60,001 to \$75,000; \$75,001 to \$100,000; \$100,001 to \$250,000; Over \$250,000*

Best residential kitchen remodel with a total project cost of one of the above stated dollar amount categories. Only interior photos may be used.

**RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPE DESIGN:** *Under \$60,000; Over \$60,000*

Best landscape design project that includes, but is not limited to, landscaping, pathways, patios, etc. Work is not exclusive to existing structures. Only exterior photos may be used.

**NON-STRUCTURAL HOME IMPROVEMENT**

Included, but is not limited to, such projects as **specialty wall coverings (new painting techniques, faux painting), floor coverings, interior design principles, etc.** Work must have been done to an existing residential structure. The Non-Structural Home Improvement must be specified in the entry materials and descriptive text in order to qualify.

**RESIDENTIAL UNIVERSAL DESIGN**

The residential universal design category will consider changes in residences that make them usable by people of all ages and physical capabilities. Projects can include, but are not limited to, **accessible entrances, modified floor plans, barrier-free kitchens and baths, and use of “smart home” technology.** Emphasis will be on using products and design to create invisible solutions that blend with the surroundings. Clearly indicate both the problem and solution to the accessibility problem for evaluation of stated goals.

**LIGHT CONSTRUCTION (New or Remodeled)**

Interior/exterior remodeled construction or new construction performed on or for a commercial or residential structure. Exterior and interior photos may be used. Includes, but is not limited to, such projects or operations as **cosmetic facelift; siding, roofing, insulation; window, door; railing, columns, brick, stone, masonry work; tiling; solar panels; HVAC; foundation repair; heating; gutters, and leaders; etc.**

**BEST GREEN RESIDENTIAL REMODEL**

Entries will be judged on **use of eco-friendly building materials** such as recycled, non-toxic, and or sustainable products as well as what steps were taken in reducing and or recycling waste – -- The main focus being Reduce/Reuse/Recycle in a cost-effective manner. Project includes but is not limited to any addition, bath, kitchen, interior or exterior remodeling category. Green projects

**BEST GREEN RESIDENTIAL PROJECT**

Entries will be judged on **use of eco-friendly products** that makes the residence more energy efficient, non-toxic, and/or self-sustaining – The focus is to create an environment that will leave a lower ‘carbon footprint’ on the planet. Such projects to include but are not limited to: **HVAC, Lighting, Roofing, Siding, Solar Panels, Wind Turbines, Windows, etc.** Including a comparison of before/after (or projected) energy costs is recommended.

# **COMMERCIAL**

## **COMMERCIAL INTERIOR**

Remodeling performed within the existing walls of a commercial structure. Clearly define the type of client and the client's needs in the project description. Only interior photos may be used.

## **COMMERCIAL EXTERIOR**

Remodeling performed on the exterior of an existing commercial structure where the building footprint or elevation has been changed. Clearly define the type of client and the client's needs in the project description. Only exterior photos may be used.

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Includes, but is not limited to, such projects or operations as **cosmetic facelift; siding, roofing, insulation; window, door; railing, columns, brick, stone, masonry work; tiling; solar panels; air conditioning, heating; gutters and leaders, etc.** Work must have been done to an existing commercial structure. Clearly define the type of client and the client's needs in the project description. The commercial specialty must be included on your entry form and in the descriptive text to qualify.

## **COMMERCIAL UNIVERSAL DESIGN**

Changes in commercial facilities that make them usable by people of all ages and physical capabilities. Projects can include, but are not limited to, **accessible entrances, modified floor plans, and barrier-free design.** Emphasis will be on using projects and design to create invisible solutions that lend with the surroundings. Clearly indicate both the problem and solution to the accessibility problem for evaluation of state goals.

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## **TEAM CATEGORIES**

Team projects are limited to three (3) companies per entry. Companies may include contractor, sub-contractor, supplier, or manufacturer. Entry fees for team projects are \$300 each.

### **TEAM ADDITION**

Best residential team addition includes, but is not limited to, **additions, add-a-levels, or attic build-outs, which increases livable space of the existing home**. The project cannot have changed the exterior footprint or elevations of the existing residential structure in more than one location. Interior and exterior photos may be used.

### **TEAM BATH**

Best team residential bath remodel. Only interior photos may be used.

### **TEAM KITCHEN**

Best team residential kitchen remodel. Only interior photos may be used.

### **TEAM EXTERIOR**

Best team residential exterior project includes, but is not limited to, alterations to the exterior of a residential building such as **porticos, porches, pagodas, outdoor kitchens, decks, glass or screen enclosures or greenhouse rooms (unconditioned spaces), windows, dormers, and exterior resurfacings like siding, stucco, etc. which enhances the overall appearance of the exterior**. NOTE: Only exterior photographs may be used.

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