



Excellence in Landscape Awards

Submission Tips

Be Patient

Don't rush the entry. Give it time to mature. Plan to photograph it in all seasons—especially in peak color. Mature landscapes score higher.

Plan

Remove any debris and litter from patio, pool (and cover) and pool deck, lawn, and plant beds; be sure turf areas are properly mowed and without dead areas, and that water hoses and garbage cans are out of sight.

Lighting

Soft morning or early evening light lessens the contrast and is ideal for taking the best pictures. Photos taken in the full sun at midday will wash out your photos and cast dark shadows.

Views

Frame your view carefully, removing telephone poles and traffic signs, excessive concrete curbs, and pavement. Take before and after shots from the same point of view. Get close-ups detailing your craftsmanship. Take photos from unusual perspectives.

Creatively Tell the Story

Use the entry form to detail the client's objectives, your vision, and special or unusual problems encountered. Avoid simple statements such as "east view." Use the photos and photo descriptions to walk the judges through the project and present it in the best light.

Checklist

When you're ready to submit your entry, make sure you know your entry category and have all the required items below prepared. Type any descriptions in a document before starting the online form so you can copy and paste as needed.

- ✓ Project Name
- ✓ Who is entering this project? (Design/Build Contractor, Contractor, Landscape Architect, or Design Firm)
- ✓ Which category does the project fall under?
- ✓ Is it a Design/Build entry? (Installation entries only)
- ✓ Description of the project — DO NOT include company, contractor, or subcontractor names
- ✓ Special or unique problems to highlight
- ✓ For installation and maintenance entries: Date of project completion
- ✓ Be ready to specify whether each listed item was: Existing, Entrant's Work, Designed by Entrant, Subcontracted, or N/A
- ✓ Submit up to 15 photos using [the submission template](#), each with a brief description that helps tell the story of your project

Award Categories

Featured Project

Residential

- Complete Landscape Master Planning
- Outdoor Living Area
- Residential Maintenance
- Lighting
- Interior Landscape Contracting

Commercial

- Commercial Landscape Installation
- Commercial Maintenance
- Lighting
- Interior Landscape Contracting