

2012 MC&MCA EXCELLENCE IN MASONRY AWARDS CONTEST GUIDELINES

Objectives: To encourage and recognize excellence in masonry design and construction, the Minnesota Concrete & Masonry Contractors Association (MC&MCA) announces the 30th Annual Excellence Awards Contest for masonry projects completed before August 31, 2011. Through this program, the MC&MCA seeks to honor works of distinction by its members and to bring public attention to outstanding buildings and projects constructed of masonry materials. To qualify for entry, buildings must use masonry as the primary exterior material or it must be shown that masonry was the important element of construction throughout the project. Entries will be judged on the basis of both workmanship and architectural design.

Eligibility: All entries shall be completed projects and must exhibit the visual use of masonry materials (brick, concrete block, stone, glass block or marble) of which the masonry work has been done by a member in good standing of the MC&MCA. The projects must be located in Minnesota and must be completed (presentable for judging) before August 31, 2011. Projects that have won awards in other contests are eligible for submission. Past winning projects in this program may not be resubmitted. Any other previous entries may be re-entered, providing the project was completed with the last five years.

Requirements: Entries will be accepted through August 31, 2011 at www.mcmca.com. Each contractor member may submit up to two projects per category. Please rate the projects as 1st choice and 2nd choice. If a category has three or more entries, one of the two entries from the contractor would be withdrawn from the category and contest. All entries are required to submit at least one digital photograph of the project that reflects and addresses the judging criteria being used. Photographs will be displayed at the Awards Banquet. Please note: on restoration projects it is recommended that you submit before and in-progress photos. Entries require full address of the project site and specific information for the part of the project to be judged, if it is not the entire project.

Classifications: Please note that all projects located in Minnesota and within a 75 mile radius of 694 and 35W (as shown on attached map) and in Rochester will be judged in person and considered in the categories listed below. All entries in Minnesota but located outside of the 75 mile radius will be judged by photos submitted by the contractor. Greater Minnesota entries will be considered in a separate division from metro entries. Two entries are needed in each classification to establish a category. The Excellence Awards Committee reserves the right to combine or subdivide categories based on the number of entries submitted.

M1	Masonry Residential & Mixed Use	Single or Multi Family Dwellings with or without retail/office space
M2	Masonry Commercial	Office & Retail (includes warehouses and business buildings)
M3	Masonry Commercial	Public Use (includes schools, hospitals, municipal and religious)
M4	Masonry Commercial	Set Stone (non-mortared, in-place masonry units using natural stone including marble)
M5	Masonry Commercial	Cast Stone (architectural precast: mortared or non-mortared using manufactured, cultured, "lick 'em & stick 'em" stone)
M6	Masonry Commercial	Interior Masonry
M7	Masonry Commercial	Masonry Restoration (Residential & Commercial)
M8	Masonry Commercial	Commercial Cityscapes (parks, streetscapes, public entrances)

Judging: The judging will be done by a team of masonry experts selected by the Excellence Awards Committee. Judging will include a site visit (where applicable) and evaluation of the workmanship, design and overall appearance of the project.

Security Clearance: If security clearance is required for judging, specific contact information must be supplied with the submission. Project will be eliminated if entry is refused. Specific security clearance information includes name of contact person, phone numbers and e-mail, and requirements for advance notice).

Awards: The winning project in each category will be announced and awarded at the 2012 MC&MCA Awards Banquet.

Contest Schedule:

August 31, 2011	Project Entries Deadline
Mid-September 2011	Judging of Projects
February 17, 2012	Presentation of Honor Awards at Annual MC&MCA Awards Banquet

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