

2009 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 27th Annual Excellence Awards Contest for masonry projects completed before September 12, 2008. 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 must exhibit the visual use of masonry materials (brick, concrete block, stone or glass block) 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 September 12, 2008. Projects that have won awards in other contests are eligible for submission. Past winners 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: All entries shall be submitted individually on the www.mcmca.com application form. Entry deadline is September 12, 2008. Each contractor member is limited to one (1) entry in each classification. All entries are required to submit at least one digital photograph of the project that reflects and addresses the judging criteria being used. This photograph will be framed and displayed at the Awards Banquet, then returned to the entrant. Also note that it is encouraged on restoration projects that you also send 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 entered statewide will be judged and considered in the categories listed below. 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.

A1	Residential	Single or Multi Family Dwellings (Apartments, Condo's, Townhomes, Homes; no retail or office)
A2	Multi-Use	Retail/office on levels one and/or two with residential levels above
B1	Commercial	Office (Warehouses, Business Buildings)
B2	Commercial	Retail
B3	Commercial	Institutional (Schools, Hospitals)
B4	Commercial	Municipal (Post Offices, Courthouses, City Halls, Fire Stations)
B5	Commercial	Religious
B6	Commercial	Set Stone (non-mortared, in-place masonry units using natural stone)
B7	Commercial	Cast Stone (architectural precast: mortared or non-mortared using Manufactured, cultured, "lick 'em & stick 'em" stone)
B8	Commercial	Interior Masonry
B9	Commercial	Masonry Restoration (Residential & Commercial)
B10	Commercial	Terrazzo, tile and/or marble inside or outside of building
B11	Commercial	Parks

Judging: The judging will be done by a team of masonry experts selected by the Excellence Awards Committee. Judging will include a site visit and evaluation of the workmanship, design and overall appearance of the project. If security clearance is required for judging, contact information must be supplied with submittal, project will be eliminated if entry is refused.

Awards: The winning project in each category will be announced and awarded at the 2009 MC&MCA Awards Banquet

Time Schedule:

September 12, 2008	Entry Application Deadline
September 24-25, 2008	Judging of Projects
February 21, 2009	Presentation of Honor Awards at Annual MC&MCA Awards Banquet

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