

MC&MCA 2021 EXCELLENCE AWARDS
OUTSTANDING USAGE OF POURED-IN-PLACE CONCRETE
ENTRY GUIDELINES

Submission Deadline: October 15th, 2020

To encourage and promote the use of poured-in-place concrete as a versatile and durable building product, the Minnesota Concrete & Masonry Contractors Association (MC&MCA) announces the 40th Annual Excellence Awards Contest for concrete projects completed before September 15, 2020. Through this program, the MC&MCA seeks to recognize works of distinction by its members and to bring public attention to outstanding projects constructed of concrete.

PROJECT QUALIFICATIONS/ELIGIBILITY:

- All entries shall be completed projects of which the concrete has been placed by members of MC&MCA.
- The projects must be completed (including landscaping) before September 15, 2020.
- 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 reentered, provided the project was completed in the last 3 years.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- Projects may be submitted for consideration into one category per year.
- Each member may submit one project per category.
- 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.
- A detailed project description must be submitted which describes the area to be judged and the features of excellence for the judges' consideration (aesthetic value, unique structural/mechanical features or highlights, hurdles faced in project, innovation of project). Be sure to include specifics of project such as types of materials used, square footage, and material suppliers.

PHOTOGRAPH REQUIREMENTS:

All entries will be judged from photographs and plans of the project which address the judging criteria. Photos must highlight the area of work to be judged and reflect and address the judging criteria being used. Including before and/or in-progress photos on poured concrete projects is highly recommended. Please follow the submission instructions outlined below. Photographs may be displayed at the Awards Banquet and in other MC&MCA initiatives.

CLASSIFICATIONS

- 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.

CATEGORIES

- C1 Concrete Residential Decorative**
Single or multi-family, exposed aggregate, colored, patterned, poured walls, driveways, sidewalks, patios, tennis courts, swimming pools
- C2 Concrete Commercial Innovative & Decorative**

Projects including concrete or terrazzo requiring innovation and offering unique design techniques

C3 Concrete Commercial Functional & Industrial

Parking lots, ramps, wastewater treatment plants, highway heavy/bridges

C4 Concrete Commercial Structural

Unfinished or finished/formed-in-place arenas, structural concrete buildings, post tension buildings, pan deck & joist (this category must have progress photos in order to be judged)

JUDGING by Photographs only

Judging will be done by a team of architects selected by the Excellence Awards Committee. Judging will include a photo and plan review to evaluate the uniqueness and usage of the poured-in-place concrete on the project. Specific judging criteria are:

Craftsmanship:

- Edges should be flush and sealed
- No porous areas
- Straight control joints
- Architectural finishes are consistent throughout

Concrete Difficulty:

- Access to project
- Enduring conditions (traffic, weather conditions)

Design:

- Choice of materials
- Innovation
- Ability/quality in trying to match or reproduce features

All entries must include the following:

- **1 view of each of the exposed sides or elevations of the project**
- **At Least 6 close-up views of masonry details (these detail photos should clearly show the type of masonry system used)**
- **1 view of project's immediate environment**
- **1 view of the wall section**
- **These are the minimum requirements the more photographs the better and the better quality the photograph the better!**

AWARDS

The winning project in each category will be announced and awarded at the 2021 MC&MCA Awards Banquet on a date to be determined. Winning companies will be informed of their success in advance to allow them to invite their "winning team" to the awards banquet.

CONTEST SCHEDULE

Thursday October 15th, 2020 - Submission entry deadline

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Projects can be submitted online using the following URL: <https://forms.gle/ED4YckaKPrReGXJo6>

QUESTIONS

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