

MC&MCA 2021 EXCELLENCE AWARDS MASONRY DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION ENTRY GUIDELINES

Submission Deadline: October 15th, 2020

To encourage and recognize excellence in masonry design and construction, the Minnesota Concrete & Masonry Contractors Association (MC&MCA) announces the 40th Annual Excellence Awards Contest for masonry 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 buildings and projects constructed of masonry materials.

PROJECT QUALIFICATIONS/ELIGIBILITY:

- Buildings must use masonry as the primary exterior material or masonry must be an important element of construction throughout the project.
- 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 contractor member of the MC&MCA.
- The projects must be completed (including landscaping) before September 15, 2020.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- Projects may be submitted for consideration into one category per year.
- Each member may submit one project per category.
- Winning projects from previous years may be resubmitted into a new category in subsequent years.
- Projects must have been completed in the past 3 years.
- Projects must be completed including landscaping.

PHOTOGRAPHS

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 issues outlined in the project description. Before and/or in-progress photos on restoration projects are 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

- M1 **Masonry Retail**
Malls, shopping centers, vehicle dealerships
- M2 **Masonry Commercial**
Offices, warehouses, business buildings
- M3 **Masonry Municipal**
City buildings, county buildings, fire stations
- M4 **Masonry Schools**
K-12 school buildings, university campuses
- M5 **Masonry Healthcare**
Hospitals, clinics

- M6 **Masonry High Density Residential**
Condos, townhomes, apartments, with or without retail/office space
- M7 **Masonry Low Density Residential**
Single-family dwellings and duplexes
- M8 **Masonry Landscaping**
Courtyards, sidewalks, parks, pools, bridges, memorials, and monuments
- M9 **Masonry Restoration**
Residential and commercial

JUDGING by Photographs only

The judging will be done by a group of architects selected by the Excellence Awards Committee. Judging will include a photo and plan review to evaluate the craftsmanship, masonry difficulty and design of the project.

Specific judging criteria are:

Craftsmanship Masonry Difficulty Design:

- pattern consistency - curved wall/wall shape - choice of materials
- mortar uniformity - wall pattern - innovation
- coursing - quality of blending
- tool jointing - pattern consistency

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/HauGrBjU8pMUHNd96>

QUESTIONS

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