

2023 NLA CALL FOR ENTRIES

Awards to be presented at the NLA Awards Banquet and Industry Celebration on October 20th, 2023

NLA Awards encourage interest in landscaping, recognize craftsmen who produce outstanding landscapes, create pride in superior workmanship and bestow public recognition on companies for their interest in building pride in the Green Industry and in keeping Nevada beautiful. The awards represent the pride these individuals and companies have in their work and their dedication to excellence and professionalism within the Green Industry.

All entries must be received by August 25th, 2023 or a late fee of \$55 could be charged for each late entry. **No entries will be accepted after September 1st, 2023.** Judging will take place on September 5th, 2023.

Entry Fee

The fee is \$85/entry. If you enter the same property into 3 categories, 3 entry forms must be completed and 3 entry fees of \$85 each must be paid.

Entry Deadline / Late Fees

All entries must be received by August 25th, 2023 or a late fee of \$55 could be charged for each late entry. No entries will be accepted after September 1st, 2023.

Judging Date

September 5th, 2023 (weather dependent)

Entry Submittal Requirements

Incomplete entries will be RETURNED and not judged. Each entry must include the following:

- Completed entry form (all 3 pages)
- Signed project owner's consent
- Before photos required on renovations only
- Project plans (if needed)
- Contractor to submit one "**not sealed**" submission and two copies "**sealed**" submissions of entries
- Clarification:
 - "not sealed"-company information
 - "sealed"-judges' copies *no reference to your company on any page at all
 - **PDF APPLICATIONS FOR BOTH**

Ways to Enter:

Contractors may enter submissions by US Mail, Fed Ex, UPS, or drop off submissions at the NLA office at: 100 North Arlington Avenue Suite 350, Reno 89501 by: September 1st, 2023, 4:00pm (call ahead (775-737-8116) Can call ahead for pick up arrangements.

Mail to: Nevada Landscape Association
4790 Caughlin Pkwy #253
Reno, NV 89519

Entry Rules

The Awards Committee reserves the right to interpret all questions and conditions regarding these awards without recourse of any kind. Any questions not covered in these rules shall be decided by the Awards Committee. Their decision will be final. The rules for entry are as follows:

- Awards competition is open to members in good standing or to entries who pay the entry fee when invoiced for multiple entries, except for special awards. **Non-members get one free entry.**
- Special awards are by nomination only – no fee is required.
- Limit of 2 entries per category per company.
- Entry deadlines cannot be extended.
- Entry Forms must be filled out completely & submitted accurately... **do not make any reference to your company on your two copies of "sealed" submissions.** Describe your project in detail – it helps judges understand the complexity of the job.
- At least 3 photographs are required for renovations only.
- Judges must be allowed access to the project site with owner's consent.
- Installation projects cannot be more than 2 years old and must be completed before judging.
- Maintenance projects must have begun by 4/1/2023.
- Projects that did not win the previous year may be re-entered.
- All entrants must have all required licenses for submitted work.
- Violation of any of the above rules may result in disqualification and forfeiture of fees.



Judging the Entries

“Building Pride in the Green Industry”

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Judging Procedures

- Judges will apply NLA standards.
- Judges are selected based on their knowledge, integrity and objectivity.
- Committee members cannot be judges.
- Entries are not judged against one another; each entry is judged on its own merit.
- Each entry is judged without knowledge of who entered the project; the contractor is anonymous.
- Judges reserve the right to change the category in which an entry is designated for consideration. Entrants will be notified.
- Type, size and cost of projects are not considered criteria for judging; these are only used to determine the appropriate category.
- Each entry is judged independently on site by the judges using separate judging sheets. Judges must then reach a consensus to decide award winners of each category.
- Awards will be presented to the top entrants, regardless of the category.

Installation/Renovation Entries

- Grading & Drainage (subsurface/surface)
- Design/Plant Palette (quality/appropriateness of the plant material and the harmony of design within the surroundings)
- Quality of Lawn & Edging
- Irrigation Design & Water Management (meets industry standards)
- Hardscape (as part of installation or renovation)
- Water Feature (as part of installation or renovation)
- Quality of Plant Installation (tree staking, mulch, elevation, selection and placement)

Maintenance Entries

- General Appearance
- Groundcover (within bounds, density, color)
- Trees (staking, pruning, tree wells, pest free)

- Shrubs (shearing vs. proper pruning, natural form, pest free)
- Lawn (color, mowing height, pest free)
- Edging (vertical vs. tapered)
- Annuals/Perennials (color, harmony, density, species for area, mulch, surface treatment of planting beds)
- Irrigation (water management, coverage, scheduling, meets industry standards)
- Water Feature (as part of regular maintenance)

Water Feature Entries

- Artistic Design
- Setting & Grading
- Form & Function
- Blending with the Landscaping
- Water Clarity, Circulation, Filtration, Skimming
- Planting & Management of Aquatic Plants & Perimeter Landscape Plants
- Flow of Water or Fountain (sound, size, effect)

Hardscape/Outdoor Living Entries

- Creative Use
- Structural Integrity
- Blending with the Surroundings
- Quality of Material
- Drainage
- Outdoor Kitchen
- Fire Pit
- Fireplace
- Pizza Oven
- Bubbler Fountain

Landscape Lighting Entries (judged at dark)

- Design & Placement
- Fixture Use & Quality
- Installation (wire and transformer)
- Blending with the Landscaping
- Creativity & Dramatic Effect
- Safety & Security
- Controls

Categories and Special Awards



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Category # **Installation/Renovation**

- 1 Large Commercial or Public Installation – landscaping costs exceeding \$50,000
- 2 Small Commercial or Public Installation – landscaping costs under \$50,000
- 3 Large Commercial Renovation – above \$50,000 (require before and after photos)
- 4 Small Commercial Renovation – under \$50,000 (require before and after photos)
- 5 Large Residential Renovation – above \$50,000 (require before and after photos)
- 6 Small Residential Renovation – under \$50,000 (require before and after photos)
- 7 Large Residential Installation – landscaping costs exceeding \$50,000
- 8 Small Residential Installation – landscaping costs under \$50,000

Special Features (included as part of installation entry and/or entered in separate category)

- 9 Large Hardscape/Outdoor Living – above \$25,000
- 10 Small Hardscape/Outdoor Living – under \$25,000
- 11 Water Feature
- 12 Landscape Lighting

Maintenance

- 13 Large Commercial or Public Maintenance – monthly contract \$4,000 and up
- 14 Medium Commercial or Public Maintenance – monthly contract between \$1,500 and \$4,000
- 15 Small Commercial or Public Maintenance – monthly contract less than \$1,500
- 16 Large Residential Maintenance – monthly contract \$500 and up
- 17 Small Residential Maintenance – monthly contract less than \$500

Special Awards

- **NLA Environmental Water Conservation Award**– decided upon by the judges, the best design/build by a licensed landscape contractor resulting in a water efficient and environmentally balanced landscape that does not sacrifice the quality of the design nor the quality of life.
- **President’s Award**– decided upon by the judges and given to the individual or company who has the best overall entry.
- **Lifetime Achievement Award**– voted on by members of the NLA and given to individuals who have represented the NLA in a memorable fashion throughout the years.
- **Tony Armstrong Humanitarian Award**– voted on by members of the NLA and given to an individual or company who has given unselfishly of their labor or materials to benefit the community.
- **Education Research Award**– voted on by members of the NLA and given to the individual or company who has contributed to the education of the members of the Green Industry or done research that has benefited the Green Industry.
- **Pam Bedard Ambassador Award**– voted on by members of the NLA and given to the individual that has best served as a representative for the Green Industry.