



Indiana Nursery and Landscape Association's

Annual Awards Program

Criteria and Application Forms for

Awards of Excellence
Special Achievement Awards

Awards of Excellence

CATEGORIES:

Residential Landscape

Landscape projects for single family or duplex residences. (Apartment projects and similar multi-family buildings must be entered in the Commercial category.) Projects where the hardscaping exceeds 25% of the total price must be entered in the Hardscape Category.

Commercial Landscape

Includes commercial sites or institutional projects as well as multi-family residential projects. Projects where the hardscaping exceeds 25% of the total price must be entered in the Hardscape Category.

Hardscape

Hardscape projects can be residential or commercial. Examples: Paver or Natural stone application, wall systems, outdoor living spaces.

Landscape Maintenance

Open category. Winning company would have provided landscape maintenance to a previously installed landscape. Can be residential, commercial or industrial setting. No dollar amount tied to this category.

Special Projects

Any non-conforming horticulture/landscape project of special merit or unusual character which does not belong in one of the other categories. Examples include: lighting, seasonal color & décor, water features, synthetic turf, erosion control, interiorscapes, restoration

ELIGIBILITY:

- All INLA active members (except award committee members).
- A previous winning project can NOT be re-entered in the same category.
- Non-winning project may be re-entered in same category.
- All projects must include a completed entry form, written description and photos of the project (hard copy and electronic preferred), and entry fee.

ENTRY FEE: \$250 per project submission

PURPOSE:

The Awards of Excellence, given annually, recognizes those firms that have enhanced the Indiana environment with creativity and beauty through landscaping and horticulture.

ENTRY FORMAT:

Each project must include:

- Completed entry form**
- Entry fee (\$250)**, made payable to the Indiana Nursery & Landscape Association. After October 31, 2023 Entry Fee increases to \$350

Project submission in that includes a written description, photos, and if available, landscape plans of the project.

- Written description of project:

A descriptive text (500 words maximum) which explains the background for the project and takes into account potential problems and solutions, cost considerations, budget, and any constraints. Text **MUST** list the client's criteria for the project and budget considerations. Descriptive text should be saved as a Word document or a PDF with a filename that includes the project name only. Do not include your company name in the filename. Please include the project description in both the printed and digital submissions.

Photos of project:

- Include up to 15 photos for the judges. These photos should include up to 5 photos of the site Before / During Construction and up to 10 photos of the finished project. **Please remove any company logos** contained in the photos (such as on shirts or trucks) before submitting. If any photo contains your company logo that photo will not be forwarded to the judges.
- Electronic submission: Include a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 15 digital images, saved as JPEG files. Label images as 01_project name.jpg, 02_project name.jpg, etc. in the order you wish the judges to view your images. **Do not list your company name in the filename.** Please ensure photos are at high resolution (300 dpi or about 3 MB) for use in the INLA magazine and for display purposes. The complete electronic submission (photos and written description) may be submitted via inla1.org/awards or saved to a CD or thumb drive.

Landscape plans

Please remove any company logos/names.

Note: Incomplete entries or nonconforming entries will not be considered for awards.



SUBMISSION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1
(All entry materials, fees, and forms due by this date.)

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

What Do the Winners Receive?

- A professionally produced 30-45 second video of your winning project to be used by your company.
- A plaque for winner and their client and a special presentation at the Indiana Green Expo.
- A magazine feature in the *Indiana Nursery & Landscape News*.
- Posting on the INLA website (www.inla1.org) complete with photos for one year.
- A professional press release announcing the award
- INLA social media posts

Judging Criteria

Entries will be judged by submitted material only. Judging will be guided by the following considerations:

Design/Build Categories

- Overall excellence of design, selection, and appropriateness of materials.
- Degree of difficulty
- Installation techniques
- Craftsmanship
- Execution of construction details
- Maintenance considerations
- Finished appearance of the project as viewed through the use of photographs, images and presentation.

Special Projects Category

- Uniqueness
- Creativity
- Overall project will be judged on how well the project met the client's criteria or needs.
- Overall appearance of the project as viewed through the use of photographs, images, and presentation.

Consistency will be maintained in evaluation between projects within a category. Type, size, or cost of project will not be criteria for judging. Feedback will be provided for non-winners should they request it.

Award of Excellence Content Suggestions

- Entries should be comprised of a written description along with photos and optional plans, sketches, or graphical material.
- Photos/text/plans/CDs/thumb drives, etc. **must not include the entrant's name.** The entrant's name should only be included on the entry form. Entries are numbered to protect anonymity.
- The more description and detail given increases your chances.



All photos and entries become the property of the Indiana Nursery and Landscape Association and may be returned.

Awards of Excellence ENTRY FORM

This program is designed to reward and recognize those firms that have enhanced, through landscaping and horticulture, the environment in the state of Indiana through creativity and beauty.

Please read guidelines before completing application form.

ONE FORM PER CATEGORY • DEADLINE DECEMBER 1



1) PROJECT INFORMATION – PLEASE PRINT IN BOLD

Project Name: _____
Project Location: _____
Name of Individual(s)/Firm: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
Email: _____
Role in Project: _____

2) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & CONSENT:

By proceeding with the INLA Awards of Excellence submission:

- You confirm that you have obtained clear and unambiguous authorization from the property owner to share the associated photos and project details.
- You hereby grant the INLA the unreserved right to use, display, and share the submitted project images for both internal communications and external promotional activities.

Signature: _____

3) PLEASE SELECT THE APPROPRIATE CATEGORY YOU ARE ENTERING:

Residential Landscape Hardscape Special Projects
(Water, Lighting, Other)

Commercial Landscape Landscape Maintenance

4) MAIL YOUR ENTRY: Mail this form, along with the written description of entry, photos, electronic submission of your project, and the entry fee (per project, per entry) to:

Indiana Nursery and Landscape Association
7915 S. Emerson Ave., Suite 247, Indianapolis, IN 46237
Phone: 800-443-7336 • www.inla1.org
Deliveries must be made by appointment only. Thank you.

5) PAYMENT: Entry Fee \$250/project before Oct. 31, 2023. All Submissions after Oct. 31, 2023 are \$350/project.

Make check(s) payable to: Indiana Nursery & Landscape Association (INLA) or

Pay by credit card (Master Card, Visa, or Discover only). Please provide the following information printed clearly.

Name on Card: _____
Card No.: _____ Exp. Date: _____ 3-Digit PIN: _____
Billing Address/City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Special Achievement Awards

Indiana Nursery and Landscape Association members are encouraged to submit suggestions for these three very special awards—Nursery & Landscape Achievement Award, Award of Merit, and the Indiana Nursery & Landscape Employee of the Year. Please take time to recognize the many deserving professionals for their contributions to our industry!

Nursery & Landscape Achievement Award

To be awarded annually to an individual with good standing in the industry who has given freely of his/her time for the strengthening of the green industry in Indiana. Nominations are voted on by the Awards Committee.

Award of Merit

To be given annually to a business, institution, job, or individual which the INLA feels has contributed significantly to our industry. Nominations are voted on by the Awards Committee.

Employee of the Year

To be given annually to an individual on staff at an INLA member business where he/she has significantly contributed to the growth of that business and its standing in the community. Five years minimum service required. Nominations are voted on by the Awards Committee. Please provide information about the nominee and his/her contributions.

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DEADLINE: December 1

NOMINATION FORM

These awards are the most important awards presented by the Indiana Nursery and Landscape Association. Please take time to submit deserving candidates who meet the criteria listed above and the reason for nominating them.

Email or mail your nomination to the INLA office by December 1.

NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

AWARD OF MERIT

INDIANA NURSERY & LANDSCAPE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

SUBMITTED BY:

Your Name: _____

Deadline: December 1

Email completed form to the INLA at: info@inla1.org • Questions: 317-889-2382

Mail to: Indiana Nursery & Landscape Association, 7915 S. Emerson Ave., #247, Indianapolis, IN 46237

