

# 2025 EXCELLENCE IN HARDSCAPING AWARDS

## *Your Work Deserves a Showcase!*

Enter the Wisconsin Masonry Alliance, Excellence in Hardscape Awards. Awards are given for projects that showcase innovation, beauty and sustainability in the use of hardscape products in landscaping. Award winning projects will be presented a celebration event in February/March 2025. There is no cost to enter. Eligibility and submission details are included below. Deadline to enter is January 3, 2025.

### **JUDGING**

A panel of industry professionals will be asked to select projects that accommodate hardscaping products in their inherent capacity to fulfill their role in establishing the landscape. Their decision will be made on overall excellence of design, creativity, functionality, selection and quality of hardscape materials, installation techniques, craftsmanship and finished appearance.

Participants will be informed by mail of the judges' decision, and winners will be given adequate notice to receive their awards at an awards presentation sponsored by the WMA.

### **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

An awards celebration will be held in February/March 2025. Selected images of the winning entries will be shown during the program. Details on the program will be provided to all participants.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

Any individual involved in the design, supply or construction of a landscaping project may participate. Participants need not be a member of the WMA, WLCA or WGIF.

### **WHAT IS ELIGIBLE?**

1. Projects that feature concrete pavers, clay pavers, concrete retaining and garden wall units or natural stone products produced or supplied by a member of the WMA.
2. Projects completed within three (3) years of the date of submission.
3. The project size only includes the hardscape portion of the project. Each project may only be entered into one category for consideration. More than one project may be entered by the same applicant.
4. Entries that include and meet all entry requirements. Projects that do not meet these requirements will be eliminated from the judging.

*\*Any project that has won a WMA award previously may not be re-entered.*

### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Projects that do not meet all of the following entry requirements will be eliminated from the judging.

1. Completed Online Entry Form
2. Completed Project Description: A 200 word minimum including detailing job challenges, special characteristics, and project goals. Do not include company names in the description.
3. Photographs – Five (5) to Ten (10) Low Resolution Project Images
  - a. Two (2) photos must include detail views showing masonry components, structure, interfaces, etc.
4. No Entry Fee Required. Submission deadline: January 3, 2025

*\*There will no longer be an online submission portal. All entries must be emailed.*

## **SELECT FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:**

Each project must be designated for one of the categories, with the appropriate number and letter indicated. There may be up to three finalists awarded in each category (Gold, Silver Bronze).

### **Residential Landscape Design & Construction Categories**

*Projects that feature a combination of concrete, clay and/or natural stone landscape products either produced or supplied by a member of the WMA.*

#### **Front Yard or Front Entrance Projects - (May include sides of residence if project is a continuation of the front)**

- Best overall front yard/entrance project

#### **Outdoor Living or Outdoor Kitchen Projects**

- Best outdoor living/kitchen project under 1,000 sq ft
- Best outdoor living/kitchen project over 1,000 sq ft

#### **Driveway & Paver Projects**

- Best driveway and/or paver application

#### **Water Feature Projects**

- Most creative water feature project

#### **Pool Deck or Surround Projects**

- Best pool deck or pool surround project

#### **Overall Wall Projects**

- Best specialty wall project (featuring creative use of seat walls, columns, light pillars, freestanding walls, terraces, planting beds and other applications) and/or best segmental retaining wall +/- 1,500 sq ft

### **Commercial Landscape Design & Construction Categories**

*Projects that feature concrete, clay and/or natural stone landscape products either produced or supplied by a member of the WMA.*

#### **Overall Commercial Landscape Design & Construction**

- Best concrete paver, permeable paver, clay paver, retaining wall, and/or natural stone commercial application.

## **ENTRY FORMS & DEADLINE**

Entry Forms & Materials must be submitted via email to [info@wma-online.org](mailto:info@wma-online.org) no later than January 3, 2025. Each entry must be emailed individually.

## **ENTRY STATUS NOTIFICATION**

In January, a notification letter will be sent to the contact listed on the project entry form, explaining the status of the entry. Winners will be notified of the category their respective projects placed and will be invited to attend the 2025 Excellence in Hardscaping Awards Celebration event in February/March 2025. High resolution project images will be requested of winning entries.

If the project completed in 2023 was not selected for a Excellence in Hardscaping Award, the entry will remain in eligible for the 2024 and 2025 award years.

## **QUESTIONS**

Contact: Jeff Roach or Eric DeVos at 608.221.3148 OR via email at [info@wma-online.org](mailto:info@wma-online.org).

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