

Judging Criteria

Each entry shall be judged independently on site by the judges using separate judging sheets. Judges shall judge each item of work checked (✓). Projects should be ready to be judged in September, 2017. The more information provided in the application, the easier it is to judge.

Installation Categories

Judging for installation categories shall be based on quality of workmanship, quality of construction, and quality of materials. The site difficulty/professional skill factor (last item on the judging sheet) shall apply only to the installation categories.

1. **Finish Grading** Smooth gradual transitions of landscaped area, complete drainage of all excess water.
2. **Drainage** Concealment of day lighted pipe, use of proper catch basins, placement of drains, connections to downspouts, drainage for decks.
3. **Trees** See Plant Material criteria above.
4. **Shrubs** See Plant Material criteria above.
5. **Groundcover** See Plant Material criteria above.
6. **Vines** See Plant Material criteria above.
7. **Turf** Smooth even grade with good physical appearance, even texture and good green color.
8. **Header Boards** Good tight lamination, proper staking, neat appearance.
9. **Irrigation** Strategic head setting, easy access to valves and controller, use of proper backflow device. Neatness in wiring.
10. **Masonry** Even mortar joints, true to grade. Neat and clean overall appearance. (NEED TO BE ITEMIZED)
11. **Concrete** Proper grading, high quality finish, neat and clean. (NEED TO BE ITEMIZED)
12. **Decks, Benches** High-quality materials with a good foundation and adequate structural strength, good construction detail.
13. **Fences** Plumb not warped, post set properly in concrete so water drains away.
14. **Water Features** Good circulation and aeration. High-quality finish and aesthetically pleasing in appearance. The pump must be running.
15. **Retainer** See #10. Sufficient vertical support for wood retainers. (NEED TO BE ITEMIZED)

Maintenance Categories

Judging for maintenance categories shall be based on:

1. **General appearance**
2. **Trees** Good healthy appearance, structurally pruned and properly staked. No mower or weedeater damage to trunks.
3. **Shrubs** Properly pruned, insect free with a healthy, vigorous appearance.
4. **Groundcover** Cover full and mature, edged neatly off walks and away from buildings. Trimmed around shrubbery and trees.
5. **Turf** Green and lush in appearance, weed free, mowed and edged neatly. Basins around weed and debris free.
6. **Annual Color** Well selected accent color, neat and weed free. Good quality for time of year.
7. **Irrigation**
8. **Planter Maintenance**
9. **Water Management**
10. **Water Features** (NEED TO BE ITEMIZED)

Judging Procedures

Judges are selected on the basis of their knowledge, independence, integrity and objectivity. Projects are judged anonymously. All entries will be personally inspected by the judges and evaluated according to quality of workmanship, quality of construction detail, quality of landscape materials and overall appearance. There is a possibility that a category may have no awards presented, even though entries were submitted. Contractors should notify property owners that judging is scheduled to begin on September 11, 2017 and is expected to continue for two weeks depending on the number of projects that are submitted. **PLEASE NOTE**** Judging will take place from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., seven days a week.

Itemization

Where listed above, these aspects must be listed specifically in order to be judged. Entrants should ONLY list the parts of a project they were responsible for. This is listed on page 9 of the entry form.